The Weather
Today—Clearing, with a cold wave, and temperature dropping to 15 degrees. Yesterday—High, 56; low, 32.
Fuel-oil consumption to date, 34 per cent of yearly allotment.

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2 Nazi Armies Gain 11 Miles in Belgium

Mexico Calls Americas Parley, Bars Argentina

Ministers From Latin Countries Will Weigh Case Against Nation

By the Associated Press

Mexico is calling a meeting of American foreign ministers but is excluding Argentina, it was learned reliably yesterday.

The conference, for which no definite date has been set, is to deal with postwar problems. Not only does the plan for the meeting keep Argentina outside the fence from the rest of the American republics, but it provides that these nations will look into the Argentine case without any representatives of that nation present.

The agenda, it was understood, will include discussion of whether the foreign ministers of the various countries should air Argentina's relation to the other countries in the hemisphere at the meeting or whether the case should be taken up afterward.

A United States memorandum analyzing replies from the various capitals to Argentina's request for a meeting in which she would be included is scheduled for delivery in American foreign offices this week.

It also was learned that Secretary of State Stettinius has called a conference of Latin-American Ambassadors, in Washington, presumably on the same day as the Mexican meeting.

In order to get together before a United Nations meeting, which diplomats here are anxious to hurry, the inter-American group probably will convene in February or March.

Exclusion of Argentina from the hemisphere meeting was expected to cause sharp reprecussions in Buenos Aires, where the government of Gen. Edelmiro Farrell has been working feverishly to break the quarantine imposed by the rest of the American nations.

The diplomatic isolation of Argentina has stemmed from United States charges that she is the Western Hemisphere stronghold of pro-Fascist influence.

Hitler Pictured As Mastermind Of Nazi Drive

Paris, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Adolf Hitler personally conceived and planned the German counter-offensive on the Western Front—a brilliant, audacious, yet simple, operation—during the three months in which it was reported variously that he was dead, insane, or a prisoner, a qualified Allied military expert said today.

Today's information is that Hitler turned his plan over to Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt for execution and that Rundstedt carried it out efficiently—partly by moving his attacking forces swiftly in bad weather, when air reconnaissance was difficult.

The Germans intended to turn north at Liege to cut the Allied main communication line and even get to Antwerp, according to German reports.

This plan was thwarted. The Germans were deflected southward and, the informant said, the plan was thus disrupted even though the enemy has obtained a great victory. Hitler may still, it was said, hope to gain at least the line of the Meuse and fight another big defensive battle for time along the river.

Nazis Bomb Paris In Brief Attack

Paris (Wednesday), Dec. 27 (U.P.).—Paris, which had thought itself secure after years of terror, was bombed by enemy planes late last night in a brief raid which caused slight casualties and damage.

The bombs startled the city shortly before 11 p. m., less than an hour later the "all clear" was sounded. There had been no air alert, let alone bombs, since shortly after the city was liberated.

Belgians Map Defense

London, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—The Brussels radio said today that the Belgian Defense Ministry will broadcast tonight an appeal for volunteers to join in the defense of the country.

New Factories to Be Built

WPB Now Operates on Theory Germans to Fight Indefinitely

Philadelphia, Dec. 26 (AP).—The War Production Board is operating now on the theory that the war in Europe will go on indefinitely, Chairman J. A. Krug told a press conference here today.

As an example, he said new factories have to be built to supply demands for trench mortars and the factories cannot go into production before next August.

The factories will cost some 200 million dollars, he said, and if the war ends before August, a good deal of the money would be lost, but if the war isn't over by then, "as it probably won't," the new plants will save many American lives.

Krug said the great German offensive is destroying a lot of Allied equipment and causing a sizable boost in American production requirements.

Before he left Washington this morning, Krug said he received a rush message from General Eisenhower asking for 6 million yards of blanketing material. Jackets and underwear, ordinarily expected to last a soldier five months, are being worn out in half that time under the rigors of the present struggle.

Acknowledging that war production had been affected by overly optimistic statements by "the wise boys in Washington," Krug said our aircraft program has been upped between 4 and 5 per cent in the past week and a new increase in Navy fighter production is to come, along with an expansion of merchant shipping by about 3 million tons in 1945.

Mercury Due To Skid to 10 Here Today

The year's lowest temperature—somewhere around 10 degrees—will hit Washington early this morning, according to the Weather Bureau. It may feel even colder than that, with a sharp wind whipping in from the West.

The sudden shift from Monday night's springlike weather—the mercury rose to 56 degrees—is explained by the eastward march of a Midwest cold wave that brought a nation-wide low of 22 degrees below zero to Rockford, Ill., yesterday and figures on the cold side of zero from Minnesota to eastern Ohio.

Today's forecast: Clear, with temperatures climbing slowly to about 30 degrees in the afternoon.

Man, 68, Hit By Streetcar, Dies of Injury

D. C. traffic deaths this year..87
Deaths this date last year....96
District total last year.....97

Luther C. Moss, 68, of 204 Maryland ave. ne., was fatally injured yesterday morning when struck by a streetcar while he was crossing 1st st. near D st. ne. He died an hour later at Casualty Hospital.

Moss was admitted to the hospital with a fractured skull, cerebral hemorrhage, fractured arm and fractured ribs and punctured lungs. The streetcar was operated, police said, by Eppa Hanback, 57, of 609 22d st. nw., who has had 26 years' experience.

Auto Injures Youth

Donald K. Milstead, 14, of 1842 Potomac ave. se., was admitted to Casualty Hospital with cuts and bruises received when he was struck at 39th st. and Bladensburg rd. ne., by an auto which police said was operated by Samuel Eierman, 63, Cottage City, Md.

Edward L. Murray, 52, of 615 A st. ne., was in serious condition at Casualty with head injuries received Monday night when he was struck at Eighth and K sts. ne. by a car operated, according to police, by Willie Rush, Negro, 31, of 2107 G st. ne.

Victim of a hit-and-run driver, Naomi Woods, Negro, 27, of 107 I st. nw., was in undetermined condition at Casualty with a possible fractured hip and back injuries. Police said she was struck Monday night in the 900 block of New Jersey ave. nw.

Two Inquests Set Today

Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald said inquests will be held today in two recent traffic deaths. Appearing at one inquest will be Lucius Pulliam, Negro, 32, of 729 2d st. nw., operator of an auto which Wednesday struck Edward Jones, Negro, 50, of 1401 15th st. nw.

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Pvt. Homiller, Native of D. C., Dies in Action

12 Men From Area Reported Wounded In Europe, Pacific

One Washington area man has been killed in action and 12 have been reported wounded, it was learned yesterday.

KILLED:

Pvt. Earl M. Homiller, 31, husband of Mrs. Dorothy Homiller, 1113 10th st. nw.

WOUNDED:

Maj. Richard A. Danzi, 30, son of Mrs. Lilly Danzi, 4821 Chevy Chase blvd., Chevy Chase, Md.

First Lieut. James W. Flynn, 30, husband of Mrs. Esther H. Flynn, 5746 Colorado ave. nw.

First Lieut. Peter J. Austin, husband of Mrs. Anne Cecelia Austin, 2320 19th st. nw.

Second Lieut. Elmer L. Mankin, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Mankin, 210 N. Patrick st., Alexandria, Va.

Staff Sergt. Earl H. Newton, 23, son of Benjamin H. Newton, 943 G st. sw.

Tech. Sergt. William P. Day, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pliny P. Day, 4507 Chase ave., Bethesda, Md.

Sergt. Porter H. Bowman, 21, brother of Mrs. Audrey L. Mason, 1432 R st. nw.

Corpl. Walter Kriner, 21, son of Mrs. Charles C. Kriner, 496½ E st. sw.

Pfc. Louis W. Caton, son of Mrs. Sara I. Caton, Route 2, Falls Church, Va.

Pvt. Jerome D. Carter, 22, brother of Miss Beulah Carter, 2629 30th st. se.

Pvt. Donald B. Price, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Price, 737 Thayer ave., Silver Spring, Md.

Pvt. Charles F. Kiser, son of Mrs. Victoria Kiser, 6802 Roseville ave., Seat Pleasant, Md.

Eastern High Graduate

Private Homiller was killed in action in France after serving overseas for six months. A native of the District, he was graduated from Eastern High School, eBfore joining the Army 10 months ago, he was employed by the Melvern Ice Cream Co. He is the father of 3-year-old Dorothy Anne.

Major Danzi was wounded in France October 3, but has since returned to duty. He attended McKinley High School and worked for the Washington News Co. and the Kearney Oldsmobile Co. prior to entering the service in 1940.

A member of a tank destroyer unit he went overseas two years ago and fought at Salerno and the Battle of Mount Cassino.

Lieutenant Flynn, who holds the Combat Infantryman Badge, was wounded by shrapnel in the arm and chest on October 2 in Germany. He is now in a hospital in England.

A native of Hartford, Conn., he worked here for various dental

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Wildcat Strike Aftermath

480 Faced With Loss of Jobs For Failure to Pay Union Fine

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 26 (AP).—Headquarters of the CIO United Rubber Workers of America today announced receipt of a list of 480 union members who, officials said, were delinquent in payment of a $12.50 union-imposed fine for participating in an unauthorized strike at the U. S. Rubber Co.'s Detroit plant last fall.

G. L. Patterson, URWA general counsel, said the list would be checked to assure its correctness, and the names then certified to the U. S. Rubber Co. as "no longer members of the union."

Sherman Dalrymple, URWA international president, assessed fines against approximately 1000 who defied his back-to-work order October 19. All but 480 of them paid their fines or were exonerated on appeals before the payment deadline December 20, union headquarters reported.

Under the company-union maintenance-of-the union-membership clause, the membership suspension would mean loss of jobs for those certified on the list, unionists said.

TNT Found As Athens Parley Opens

Churchill, Eden Meet With Leaders To Seek Peace In Greek Crisis

Athens, Dec. 26 (AP).—Nearly a ton of explosive was discovered today in sewers near the Grand Bretagne Hotel, residence of British Comdr. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, some of his staff and many Greek officials, shortly before the opening of an all-party conference to end the reign of violence in Athens.

The explosive was found by a British patrol when its members saw that barbed wire barriers they had placed in the neighborhood had been disturbed.

It was announced officially that three-fourths of a ton of dynamite of a German type called "penthrite" was removed from the sewers opposite the main entrance of the hotel.

Left Wing Group Attends

The Greek conference started this afternoon after British Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and other British representatives left the meeting room, the location of which still is secret.

(A BBC broadcast reported in New York by the Blue Network said British authorities had not found any connection between the placing of the dynamite and the presence in Athens of Churchill and Eden.)

The left-wing EAM-ELAS forces who have been conducting hostilities against Greek government and British forces for three weeks were especially invited by General Scobie and their delegates were brought to the conference in British armored scout cars.

The leftist delegation is composed of the secretary of the Greek Communist Party, the secretary of the EAM (National Liberation Front Party) and a member of the ELAS (fighting arm of the EAM) administrative council.

The other delegates are Premier George Papandreou, Themotikles Sophoulis, Liberal Party leader; Gen. Nicholas Plesteras, leader of the 1922 Greek revolution; George Kafandaris, former foreign minister who was exiled during the dictatorial Metaxas Regime, and a representative of the Populist Party.

Crowds Cheer Britons

Greek, British and American flags flew from balconies in the city and there were more people on the street than had been seen since the fighting began. Small groups gathered in Constitution Square and cheered Churchill and Eden. The Prime Minister, wearing his RAF commodore uniform, replied by waving his cap on the end of his stick.

While many Athenians in the section of the capital held by the British seemed positive that the civil strife was nearly ended, fighting continued beyond the British perimeter as the drive to clear ELAS snipers continued.

British and government troops reported further progress against the Leftist fighters in both Athens and its port, Piraeus. In Epirus, the Rightist EDES forces continued to fall back before increasing

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Mute Evidence of Nazi Atrocities

Signal Corps radio telephoto.

BELGIAN CIVILIANS SLAIN—The official U. S. Army Signal Corps caption accompanying this picture describes it as showing the bodies of Belgian women and children in the town of Stavelot. These people, the caption says, were not killed by shellfire, but by the ball of a rifle and the butt of a gun

2d Phase Won In Philippines, Forrestal Says

Defeat of Land-Based Jap Aircraft Hailed; Strength Unimpaired

The United States has succeeded in the second phase of the naval campaign for the Philippines—the battle with enemy land-based aircraft, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal said yesterday.

Reviewing the recent months of the Pacific war in a statement, Forrestal said this second phase opened with the crushing defeat of Japanese naval forces late in October.

"Having driven the Japanese fleet from the Philippine area," he said, "The United States Navy in the phases of the campaign since October 25 has been pitted, not against enemy naval forces primarily, but against enemy land-based air forces. We have succeeded in this latter phase of the naval campaign for the Philippines just as we succeeded in the second battle of the Philippine Sea."

Forrestal acknowledged that the American forces have suffered damage, not yet reported in detail, in this second phase, but said it was not sufficient to disrupt plans for continued heavy offensives.

"A concrete demonstration" that it is not, he added, is the fall of Leyte and the American landings on Mindoro.

Announcements of the damage has not been made, Forrestal ex-

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Women Shot, Burned by Foe In Belgium

With American Infantry in the Stavelot Sector, Dec. 26 (INS).—Belgian women and children were stabbed, shot and burned by German SS stormtroopers at Parfoundruy last week in an organized massacre which was integral part of the Nazi master plan, an official United States Army report said today.

The report was prepared by Lieut. Frank Craig of Tarrytown, N. Y., and included eyewitness accounts of brutality and slaughter which Craig personally checked for authenticity.

The slaughter occurred in the sector where the Germans fought furiously for a breakthrough to the north and were held back by American resistance.

It was believed Americans who counterattacked against the Germans undoubtedly killed many of the enemy who went through Parfoundruy stabbing, shooting and crushing heads with rifle butts.

Craig's report said 10 or 12 charred bodies were found in the ashes of a small shed. In the next house the body of a middle-aged woman—stabbed and shot—was discovered. Another elderly woman was found with a crushed head.

Among other bodies were those of 10 boys between 10 and 16. All had bullet holes in their foreheads. A 15-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl were found dead near a foxhole, where they apparently had sought safety from Nazi bullets.

A woman told Craig her sister and brother-in-law were killed while she watched from a window. She said they were taken into a shed—and then the shed was burned, roasting them alive. Another woman said she saw numerous persons dragged forcibly from their homes.

Gen. Duncan Promoted

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—Brig. Gen. Early E. W. Duncan, formerly deputy commander, Iceland base command, has been named commanding general of U. S. Army forces in Iceland, succeeding Maj. Gen. William S. Key.

Red Troops Push 2 Miles Into Budapest

Capital Encircled, Garrison Doomed; Make Other Gains

London, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Red Army today completed the encirclement of Budapest and drove 2 miles inside the city limits from the west, dooming the German and Hungarian garrison which originally numbered an estimated 100,000 men.

Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukraine Army troops thrust to the Danube both above and below Budapest and seized at least nine of the Hungarian capital's solidly built up suburbs, penetrating the city limits at numerous points. One of these, Lipotmezo, was only 2½ miles west of the Danube where the river bisects the city.

Few May Flee by Air

How many of the enemy garrison remained alive after months of attrition during the siege was a question, but death or capture were their only alternatives now, with the scanty possibility that a few top men might yet flee by air.

Simultaneously with this sealing of Budapest's fall, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukraine army captured at least 13 towns in southern Czechoslovakia along the Hron (Garam) River, reaching within 63 miles of Bratislava and within 96 of Vienna.

Other elements of that Red Army, operating in northern Hungary near the Czechoslovak border above Gyongyos, reported capture of 16 Hungarian communities, virtually wiping out the enemy-held fringe of Hungarian soil in all the vast expanse northeast and east of the Danube.

Isolation Reinforced

The isolation of Budapest was reinforced by a continuing Soviet drive northwestward which reached and seized the Danube River city of Esztergom, 20 miles above the capital.

The Russians have not yet announced a crossing of the Danube

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New Lunge Puts Enemy Four Miles From Meuse

Yanks' Salient at St. Vith Wiped Out; Von Runstedt Heading for Namur

BULLETIN

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Paris, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—There was little change up to noon yesterday in the Ciney and Celles areas of Belgium, advance points of a German penetration of the Meuse, it was announced tonight. The east bank of the Meuse at that time was not threatened "in any strength."

By Edward Kennedy

Paris, Dec. 26 (AP).—Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's attacking force, now disclosed to include two full German armies and probably a third, has lunged out again after a 48-hour lull and has smashed 11 miles deeper into Belgium.

On the basis of latest battlefield information available at supreme headquarters (it is 48 hours old) German armor and infantry by Sunday night had driven within 4 miles of the Meuse River in the area south of Namur and were being engaged there by Allied troops, 50 miles inside Belgium.

St. Vith Salient Wiped Out

The American salient at St. Vith near the northern end of the battle line had been wiped out and the Germans held a solid 35-mile assault front across Belgium, west of Rochefort, von Rundstedt's At Celles, a village 10 miles northforces were only eight miles from the French frontier.

The Nazis threw their new punch after furious American resistance aided by bludgeoning air power virtually had held the enemy to a standstill for two days.

Two columns struck from the area between Rochefort and Marche, at the extreme point of the enemy's penetration of Belgium. One force shot west and a little north to reach Ciney, nine miles from the Meuse. The other drove due west to the vicinity of Celles, four miles from the city of Dinant on the Meuse.

Nothing was available at Allied headquarters on what progress the Nazis might have made since Sunday night, in keeping with the time lag imposed on news from the front.

Continue to Hold Out

Several thousand Yank troops encircled at the important Belgian road hub of Bastogne on the enemy's southern flank continued to hold out valiantly against powerful German pressure while an American relief force driving up from the south reached a point only 4½ miles from the city.

Heavy fighting was in progress southeast of Bastogne in the vicinity of Arsdorf and Eschdorf, and American troops were reported to have gained some ground, including heights, west of Eppeldorf, 4½ miles southeast of Diekirch and 3 miles from the German-Belgium border.

Although the weather deteriorated somewhat Tuesday, swarms of Allied planes again were out over the battle area, blasting at enemy armor and troops and engaging in swirling dogfights with the Luftwaffe.

It no longer can be doubted that the onslaught had disrupted the

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UP Correspondent Frankish Killed On Western Front

El Centro, Calif., Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Mrs. Barbara Frankish was notified today that her husband, United Press Correspondent Frank Frankish, had been killed Saturday on the Western Front. He was 30 years old.

Frankish went abroad last spring and covered the development of the robot bomb blitz before he was sent up to the front lines in France and Belgium three months ago.

He was the second United Press correspondent lost in little more than a month. The other was John Andrew, missing since his Superfortress failed to return from a mission in southeast Asia early in November. Three other United Press correspondents have died in war coverage and two are prisoners of war.

Good Coupons Listed

OPA Calls for Destruction Of Invalidated Food Stamps

By Christine Sadler

The Office of Price Administration yesterday urged destruction of all ration stamps invalidated when its "tighter and broader" control over foods went into effect Monday night.

Stamps now good and soon to be made good were listed by OPA as follows:

Red stamps Q5, R5 and S5, which were validated December 3. In addition, five more red stamps will become good December 31. They are T5, U5, V5, W5 and X5.

Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2, December 1. In addition, five new blue stamps will go into effect January 1. They are C2, D2, E2, F2 and G2.

Sugar stamp No. 34, which became good November 16. Another sugar stamp will be validated February 1.

Expiration dates for these stamps have not been set, OPA said, indicating that from now on out there will be no more stamps good "indefinitely."

Endeavoring to clear up misunderstanding resulting from premature leakage of news concerning the change in ration points, OPA said the new values for canned fruits will not go into effect until next Sunday along with changes in the meat ration.

Changed values for processed vegetables and butter became effective yesterday, to prevent runs on stocks during the remainder of the week.

It was estimated that invalidation of five sugar stamps will mean a salvaging of between 200,000 and 300,000 tons of sugar that would have gone to the holders. It was

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Coffee Plentiful; No Rationing in Sight

By International News Service

A War Food Administration spokesman declared last night that coffee supplies have reached comfortable levels and that despite the Christmas weekend tightening of food control consumers need have no fear of immediate rationing of this product.

For the first time since October, the WFA officer said, this country now has between three and four months' supply of coffee on hand, compared to a 2½-month inventory which was considered adequate in peacetime.

214 Hit in 5 Days

43 More Jap Planes Blasted In New Raid on Manila Field

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Leyte (Wednesday), Dec. 27 (AP).—Land-based American Liberator bombers and Lightning fighters, continuing a mounting campaign to knock out Japanese air power on the main Philippines island of Luzon, destroyed or damaged 13 enemy planes in a Christmas Day raid on Clark Field, it was announced today.

The latest victory, plus an upward revised total for Sunday's raid on Clark Field, raised to 214 the number of Japanese planes destroyed or damaged in four heavy assaults in five days on the Manila area.

Led by Maj. Thomas B. McGuire, jr., Ridgewood, N. J., who bagged three, Lightning escorts shot down 39 and probably shot down 4 of a fleet of 50 Japanese planes which tried to intercept the big Liberators.

It also was revealed that McGuire shot down four more planes yesterday, although the locale of his victories was not given, running his total victory score to 38 planes, just 2 behind Maj. Richard I. Bong, Pop-

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Early Yank Drive Awaited in Capital

War Sidelights

Jeep Paths Cross for AP Man and Son

Somewhere in Alsace, Dec. 26 (AP). An Associated Press correspondent driving along an Alsatian road noted something familiar about the GI in a nearby jeep.

The correspondent stopped his own jeep, crossed the road and shook hands with the private first class sitting at the wheel, saying "Hello son," to George Carleton Werner.

"Hello Dad," said the 22-year-old private to Wade Werner, veteran Associated Press staff writer who has served in Moscow, Vienna, London, Geneva and Washington.

Werner, whose wife lives at 19 Fort Hunt rd., Alexandria, Va., had not seen his son, an infantryman whose fluent knowledge of French and German makes him the company's interpreter, in a year and a half.

Another son of the Werners has been lost in the war.

Baton for Eisenhower?

London, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, may be given the honorary rank of field marshal of Britain, it was learned reliably today.

Such a title must be honorary, it was pointed out, since an American citizen cannot accept such an actual rank from a foreign government.

MacArthur Dons 5 Stars

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today was wearing his new five-star insignia beaten out of a miscellaneous collection of Filipino, Dutch and Australian silver coins furnished by his aides.

The promotion to the rank of general of the army posed a knotty problem. A Filipino silversmith from Leyte township was called in for a hurry-up job and instructed how to make the new insignia of five stars in a circle. In record time he came up with handmade insignia.

Expects Here Say Time Is Near for Counteroffensive

By George Connery

The ideal time is approaching for an American counteroffensive, with German forces extended and battle-weary, Washington military observers said yesterday while cautioning that the current stage of fighting "is not a pretty picture."

A major action may be expected, it was said, before Field Marshal von Runstedt's columns can cross the Meuse to threaten Liege, important transportation center.

Reason for Optimism

Reports received here yesterday said the Germans were within 5 or 6 miles of the Meuse in the center of the salient. They are believed to be largely armor, reconnaissance units and advance security troops, with the large masses of German infantry still well in the rear.

One military observer said the first breach in the lines was like opening a gate, with the Germans hoping to throw both sides far back, then push back the two anchors.

Now, he explained their operation has failed in two respects. They weren't able to get the gate way open, and American pressure already has started closing both sides. In addition, the northern anchor of the gate, in the vicinity of Monschau, actually has been pushed in, narrowing the base of the salient where the Germans wanted it extended.

Military men were inclined to believe these elements, even if they succeeded in crossing the river, would not constitute a serious threat.

There was reason for optimism on the northern flank, in the direction of Liege. The American line was holding firm in critical spots, while a German column believed sent out to take Liege was destroyed or turned back in confused fighting around Stavelot.

Germans Battle-Weary

Condition of the German troops was believed to favor an American counterattack. One source emphasized that while enemy forces in the center have not yet been pinned down, they have been fighting for more than a week and are near the limit of endurance. In addition there are no important bodies of German troops available to relieve or reinforce them.

First Takes Heavy Toll

Within the funnel, American artillery should be able to reach all German communication lines except for a stretch no more than 20 or 25 miles wide. Here, it was explained, the tactical air force is expected to concentrate its attacks.

Although Lieut. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army is believed to be staging counterattacks that are merely local in nature, using troops as best he can, it already has taken a toll of the attackers. Statistics released yesterday by the War Department show 13,273 Germans were taken prisoner in the past week. It also said 800,000 Germans had been captured by British and American forces on the Western front between D-Day, June 6, and Christmas Eve.

Germans Form Single Salient

Associated Press WIREPHOTO

ERASE YANK WEDGE—Germans driving into Belgium have squeezed out an American wedge west of St. Vith and formed a single invasion bulge pointed generally toward the Meuse River, it was disclosed yesterday. Arrows indicate action. United States troops on the south side of the salient were pushing toward Bastogne in efforts to rescue an American force encircled there. On the Roer River front, other American forces drove into Winden. Shaded line is battlefront

Canadians Take Rosetta in Push On Senio River

Rome, Dec. 26 (AP).—Canadian, British and New Zealand troops moved forward toward the Senio River line on the Adriatic end of the Italian front today after Canadian troops captured hotly contested Rosetta, 10 miles northwest of Allied-held Ravenna.

Enemy rear guards in the salient northeast of Faenza, the last remnant of the Lamone River line on which the Nazis had hoped to stabilize their front in the Po Valley, have been mopped up, the Allied command announced. The Germans were pushed from all positions east of the Canale Naviglio.

After taking Rosetta the Canadians slashed on to within 2 miles of Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway.

Heavy snow and below-freezing temperatures curbed activities on the Fifth Army's mountainous front south of Bologna.

In one sector the enemy laid down considerable fire from six-barreled Nebelwerfers yesterday, headquarters disclosed. In other sectors Nazi artillery was officially described as "normal," which meant that doughboys trying to keep warm in the mountains had a far from quiet holiday.

'Good Luck'

Pilot of B-17 Gives Life To Save Crew

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England, Dec. 26 (AP).—In a drama of self-sacrifice Lieut. Loye J. Lauraine, 25, Mt. Calm, Tex., pilot of a Flying Fortress, gave his life recently that the crew might live after saying "And if I don't make it, good luck to you."

High in the flak-filled skies over Merseburg his bomber suffered crippling damage. The control cables were shredded beyond repair, and its automatic pilot was shot away. The plane dropped out of formation and headed toward the English Channel.

As it neared the channel Lauraine contacted home base, described the damage and gave his position. This was the conversation:

Control: See if you can head the ship out to sea.

Lauraine: It's all I can do to keep it going. We tried to tie the control cables together to save the plane but we can't save it.

Control: Use your own discretion.

Lauraine: We will try to turn around and head out to sea. We have no bombs.

Control: Keep in touch with us.

Lauraine: We are ready to bail out, and if I don't make it good luck to you.

Control: I won't need the luck—good luck to you.

Lauraine then ordered the crew to bail out. He held the balky bomber level long enough for the crewmen to jump. After all had gone he rode the shattered bomber from 7000 feet into the ground.

Lauraine was the son of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. L. J. Lauraine of Gonzales, Tex. His father now is serving "somewhere in China."

9th Army Units Rushed to Aid 1st, Nazis Say

London, Dec. 26 (AP).—American commanders in Europe have sent several divisions of the Ninth Army into the First Army area to join up with units rushed in from the Third and Seventh Armies, the Berlin radio claimed tonight.

Perhaps in an effort to fish for information, the German radio went on to say that the Americans had stepped up their fierce onslaught against the southern flank of Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's offensive in the past 24 hours.

The enemy supreme command announced that the focal point of fighting in the west had shifted to the area of western Luxembourg, and claimed Allied attacks around Bastogne were repulsed after grim battles. Encirclement of Americans in the Bastogne area was further narrowed, Berlin said.

U. S. forces, after receiving fresh reserves which presumably were taken from other frontline sectors, tried to press back the Nazi southern wing to relieve the Bastagne forces, but the attacks were repulsed, Berlin said.

West of the Ourthe River the Germans claimed their assault spearheads were making headway after warding off numerous counterattacks. Since the beginning of the Nazi attack in the west, December 16, the broadcast said, more than 700 American tanks or armored vehicles were either captured or destroyed.

Norway Urges Immediate Allied Invasion

London, Dec. 26 (AP).—An immediate Allied invasion of Norway from the west as a means of breaking Hitler's power in the north and saving the country from total destruction was urged tonight by Norwegian Prime Minister Johan Nygaardsvold.

Calling upon every Norwegian to hamper in some way the Nazis' northern garrison, he warned that every German soldier who escaped to the south would help lengthen the war.

Nygaardsvold, broadcasting a Christmas message to his homeland, disclosed that his government already had pointed out to Allied leaders arguments favoring an Allied invasion of Norway, declaring there was a definite necessity for it now.

"We ourselves," he said, "are not strong enough to make such an attack with Norwegian forces alone. We must have help from the Allies."

Nygaardsvold made these other points:

1. The Norwegian government has agreed that the Germans must pay dearly for the devastation wrought in Finmark, extreme northern section of Norway, which is now "a blackened, barren waste with only chimneys left standing."

2. The government will leave nothing untried and will not allow any obstacle to stand in the way of relieving razed and liberated parts of the country.

3. The Norwegian government will resign at its first cabinet meeting in Oslo Castle after liberation.

4. Parliamentary and municipal elections must be held as soon as technically possible.

5. The government is peldged to a rapid trial of traitors.

Admiral Yarnell Retired by Navy For Third Time

By the Associated Press

Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, 69, has been placed on the retired list for the third time.

Yarnell, a native of Independence, Iowa, who makes his home at Newport, R. I., at one time was commander in chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet.

He was retired first November 1, 1939, and recalled to duty two years later to serve as special adviser to the Chinese military mission until his second retirement, January 15, 1943.

He was called back again in June, 1943, and since August of that year had headed a special section of Naval Operations.

Navy Commander in Chief Ernest J. King called attention to Yarnell's years of experienced service and saaid "he has worked with devotion and distinction in the Office of Naval Operations."

WLB Approves Wage Increases To Draw Workers

The War Labor Board, in an unusual step, yesterday set up machinery to facilitate wage increases at certain foundries and force shops vital to the war effort. The aim is to attract workers.

The board adopted a resolution providing that wage cases of these shops be placed on a blue ribbon certification list prepared by the War Production Board and War Manpower Commission. Such cases will be handled as "rare and unusual."

The board will approve or grant average increases up to 10 cents above the established approvable rate, unless there are reasons which make that action inappropriate. The program is designed to cover establishments lagging in their work because of manpower shortages which WMC has been unable to overcome.

Soldier Transferred; Bette Davis Departs

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 26 (AP).—Film Star Bette Davis, who spent the past three months in Columbus, left here today for New York.

The Columbus Ledger said Corpl. Lewis Riley of Fort Benning whom the actress came to Columbus to visit, reportedly had been transferred to New York.

Miss Braxton Dies In Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—Miss Sallie Moore Braxton, a member of a prominent Virginia family, died at her home here today following an illness of several days.

She was a daughter of the late Elliott M. and Anna Marshall Braxton and was a native of Prospect Hill, Fauquier County.

Survivors include a sister, Miss Mary A. Braxton, Fredericksburg, and a brother, Elliott M. Braxton, Newsport News.

Funeral services will be held at the home here Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

American Prisoners of War Shrug Off German Questions

London, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Most American prisoners of war answer German questions with a shrug of their shoulders and do not give any information of value, a German propaganda broadcast acknowledged indirectly today.

Alex Schmaleuss, a German DNB News Agency correspondent at Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt's headquarters, broadcast over the Berlin radio that 1200 prisoners had been picked arbitrarily for questioning. The specific question was why they were fighting against Germany.

"Six sevenths of the prisoners answered by shrugging their shoulders, adding that they didn't know," the dispatch said. "The remaider were not united in their explanation, but it emerged clearly from their statements that stupid propaganda slogans about Nazis wanting to assault the United States and transform America into a German colony have fallen on favorable ground."

Schmalfuss said that out of 1180 prisoners, 234 said the United States would win the war, 450 were glad to be prisoners and 536 admitted they "only want to get home as quickly as possible and don't care who wins."

Prince Georges Asks Garbage Law Retention

Prince George's County commissioners will ask the Maryland General Assembly to retain existing laws covering garbage transportation and hog-feeding in the county, under a resolution adopted yesterday at a meeting in Upper Marlboro.

The present law prohibits feeding of hogs within 2000 feet of a public highway or house other than the home of the owner of the hogs and requires that trucks used in hauling garbage be inspected and approved by the county health department.

Charles L. Wood, county sanitation officer, pointed out that a principal factor in a proposed campaign to control rats is proper disposal of garbage.

The commissioners directed R. Ernest Smith, county treasurer, to issue 1945 auto tax bills in duplicate for convenience of county banks accepting payment and took under advisement, pending approval of the County Firemen's Association, a request of the West Lanham special improvement district for authorization to purchase a fire engine and other fire-fighting equipment.

Christmas Party Tonight

The annual Christmas party for members of the Riverdale, Md., fire and police departments, members of the town council and their families sponsored by Mayor Harry A. L. Barker and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department, will be held at 7:30 tonight at the firehouse, Queensbury rd. and 47th ave.

Church Given 2 Lots

Gift of two lots in the rear of the church property was announced yesterday by the Rev. Lewis A. Briner, pastor of the Cheverly, Md., Community Church. eeds to the property have been deposited with the board of trustees, he said. The lots were donated by Charles E. Bentley and H. L. Desilets, residents of the community.

Annual meeting will be held ecember 31 to elect officers.

Surprise Program

A surprise program has been arranged for the Christmas party of the Cheverly Woman's Club at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the Cheverly Community Church. Mrs. Reuben J. Gordon, chairman of the hostess committee, will be assisted by Mrs. William A. Link, Mrs. William C. Miller, Mrs. Harry Guthridge and Mrs. J. Spencer Dyott.

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schedule of the Allied drive on Germany.

Field dispatches indicated that von Rundstedt now was seeking to break through toward the large Belgian city of Namur rather than toward Liege, 34 miles northeast of Namur. The enemy column which reached Ciney on Sunday was approximately 14 miles from Namur and was striking in that direction.

It was disclosed that American forces which had held up the German advance near St. Vith, 4 miles from the German-Belgian border, were withdrawn in the last two or three days to avoid threatened entrapment. This enabled the two jaws of a German pincers to come together and wiped out what had been a troublesome salient in the enemy's front.

The northern line of the German front now runs from Ciney through Marche Hotton and Grandmenil, then northwest of Lierneux to near Stavelot, then 14 miles east to Bullingen and on to Monschau in Germany.

One Strong Attack Fails

One German attack near Bullingen, 10 miles east of Malmedy, failed Christmas Eve, but to the west a strong German force attacked on a 2-mile front and took Manhay.

Enough has been learned of the enemy's program to prove that the Hitler-planned offensive, was in its conception not merely a thrust to relieve Allied pressure on Germany but was an ambitious scheme to break through the roll up the entire Allied front in Belgium and Holland, a qualified military expert said.

The ability of the Nazi forces to achieve anything like Hitler's agrndiose plan is highly unlfkely, but there is no question that he already has driven a wedge which has compelled the Allied to drop their own winter offensive and concentrate on coping with the enemy breakthrough.

This does not necessarily mean the war will be prolonged. On the cohtrary, it may bring the end sooner, as the Germans have come out of their pillboxes and trenches and have placed a powerful force in the open for what may be a showdown battle.

Tide Believed Twined

In a delayed dispatch from the Stavelot sector on the northern flank, dater Dec. 25, Wes Gallagher of the Associated Press said "there is a feeling that the tide of battle has turned in this sector after eight days of desperate fighting."

He told of roads strewn with the wreckage of German tanks and vehicles after Monday's great Allied air attack and quoted an American officer as declaring "we have given the German panzers their worst beating since the Argentan Gap debacle in Normandy." He described German troops in the assault as young and tough.

Officer sat Allied Headquarters said the Germans might not begin to feel the full effect of the air blows of recent days for another 48 hours.

(Tuesday's German high command communique claimed more than 700 American tanks and armored vehicles had been captured or destroyed in th epresent offensive. It declared that American forces trying to fight through the relief of isolated Yanks in Bastogne had been repulsed and the rin garound the town tightened.)

There was almost a complete blackout of news from the northern, central and southern sectors of the long front. A dispatch from the Seventh Army front near Wissenbougr in the German Palatinate said tersely that there was "nothing to report." There was no indication that the Third Army in the Saar had registered gains.

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supply companies as a salesman prior to entering the service April, 1941. He went overseas in October, 1943. His brother, Tech. Sergt. William Flynn, now in this country, was wounded in action in Italy.

Mankin an Alexandrian

Lieutenant Mankin, a navigator, was wounded in action over Germany September 26. Born and reared in Alexandria, he was graduated from George Washington High School, and worked at the main Alexandria Postoffice prior to induction into the service last January. He went overseas four months ago.

Sergeant Newton has been wounded in action for the second time. First wounded June 17 in Monteburg, France, he was wounded again in the left side of his head, arm and leg on September 20 in Germany. He is now in a hospital in England.

Born in Fredericksburg, Va., he entered the Army four years ago and went overseas almost two years ago. Sergeant Newton has two brothers in the service Seaman 2/c Samuel Newton, stationed in Newfoundland, and Seaman 1/c Robert E. Newton, stationed in Rhode Island.

Sergeant Bowman, a native of Flintstone, Md., was wounded in Germany November 23. He attended Central High School here.

After joining the Army in 1939 he served in Panama and Porto Rico, and was sent overseas six months ago. He has three brothers in the service, Pvts. Paul and George Bowman, Army, and Pvt. Ernest L. Bowman, Marines.

Kriner Hit at Saipan

Corporal Kriner was wounded on Saipan June 15. Hit in the leg by shrapnel, he was given first aid and then went back into battle, he wrote his mother. A graduate of Jefferson High School, he joined the Marine Corps December, 1942, and went overseas last January. His brother, Corpl. Charles C. Kriner, jr., is stationed in England with the Army Air Force.

Private Carter was wounded in action in France October 2 while serving in the Third Army. At present he is in a replacement camp behind front lines.

His father, Henry Carter, lives in Fayetteville, N. C., where Private Carter was born. He attended high school in Konnarock, Va., and prior to his induction 11 months ago, he was employed as teletype operator in the Navy Department's intelligence division here.

Private Price was wounded in action in the leg October 2 in France, and latest word from him to his family was that he expected to be evacuated to a hospital in the United States.

Born and reared in Silver Spring, Md., the young infantryman attended St. Michael's Parochial School and worked for Anchor Transfer Co., Silver Spring, before his induction July, 1943.

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lar, Wisc., top ace of the entire USAAF.

(The Tokyo radio, heard by the FCC, said that 20 Liberator bombers and Lightning fighters attempted to raid Clark Field again on Tuesday but "fled" before dropping any bombs.)

American losses were six fighters for both the Sunday and Monday raids. The American war bulletin revised the enemy's losses for Sunday from 18 to 33 planes destroyed and three to five "probables."

A total of 108 planes were destroyed or damaged at Clark Field on Thursday and another 25 were bagged at Grace Park Friday.

Fighter partols on Monday also strafed installations on Batangas airdrome in southern Luzon and a reconnaissance plane shot down an enemy transport plane off western Luzon.

Two eemy planes were shot down over the American-held part of Mindoro and another two were destroyed over Tacloban, in northeastern Leyte.

Another plane was shot down over Negros Island, while ain raids against shipping off Borneo planes sank a 2000-ton cargo ship, a small freighter and two barges and damaged a coastal vessel.

American troops mopping up newly-conquered Leyte killed 899 Japanese and captured 14 on Monday against American losses of 7 killed and 21 wounded. Dispatches said that the Japanese remnants in the hills west of the Ormoc corridor were now so scattered and disorganized that they were being wiped out with slight losses to the Americans.

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ELAS attacks, it was reported. British headquarters said no reinforcements had been sent to the EDES.

Churchill today conferred with Greek government leaders and received calls from U. S. Ambassador Lincoln MacVeigh, the French Minister, and the chief of the Russian mission here.

Archbishop Damaskinos was chairman of the political conference, in which British participation, it was understood, wa slimited to a speech by the Prime Minster. Official sources said the plan was to make the conference a purely Greek affair. Announced purpose of the conference is to end "the fraticidal strife and enable Greece to resume her place among the United Nations."

Prelude to Big Three Parley

London, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Speculation arose today that the visit to Athens of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden may be the first step toward the long awaited meeting between British, Russian and American leaders in Moscow on the Mediterranean.

There is a growing impression in London that a meeting of Eden, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinious, jr., and Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov is a practical possibility, while it is generally accepted that a meeting of Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin is at least five weeks away.

French Recognize Polish Lublin Group

Paris, Dec. 26 (AP).—Perhaps foreshadowing future diplomatic moves the French government announced today that it was sending a delegate to the Polish Lublin Committe eto handle repatriation of Frenchmen escaping from the Nazi lines.

Va. Winter Wheat Estimate Pared

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26 (AP). Winter wheat production in Virginia in 1945 was estimated today by Federal-State agricultural officials at 8,610,000 bushels, as compared to 11,275,000 produced this year from unusually high yields per acre.

The acreage of winter wheat seeded this fall and intended for harvest in 1943 was estimated at 574,000 acres. This is the same as was seeded in the fall of 1943, but is 4 per cent less than the 1932-41 average.

Condition of the crop on December 1 was reported at 84 per cent of normal as compared with 83 per cent on December 1 last year.

Virginia farmers seeded 135,000 acres of rye for all purposes this fall. This is the same acreage as seeded during the fall of 1943, but exceeds the ten-year, 1932-41, average of 7,000 acres. December 1 condition was reported at 87 per cent of normal, compared with 85 per cent one year ago and the average of 81 per cent.

Died 1

MENEFEE, COL. CARROLL. On Wednesday, December 13, 1944, at his home in Sperryville, Va., COL. CARROLL MENEFEE. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 15, with burial in the family section of Fairview Cemetery at Culpepper, Va. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frankie Smith Menefee; one son, A/c Carroll Menefee, jr., and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Preston Jarvis of Sperryville, Va.

HARLOW, SUZANNE WENK. At her home, Burke, Va., December 23, 1944, SUZANNE WENK HARLOW, aged 66, widow of Lucian Walker Harlow. She is survived by her son, J. William Harlow; four daughters, Mrs. Agnes Royal of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Vera Merchant of Manassas, Va.; Mrs. Alice Latham and Mrs. Helen McKenna, both of Alexandria, Va.; five granddaughters and six grandsons. Tech. Sergt. Richard J. Royal, Army Air Force; James O. Royal, U. S. N.; Corpl. Francis J. Latham, A. A. F.; Pvt. Henry D. Merchant, U. S. A. and Pvt Fred L. Royal, U. S. M. C. R., and Patrick A. McKenna, jr. Services at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fairfax Station, Va., Thursday, December 28, at 10 a. m. Interment church cemetery.

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Jones died the next day at Emergency Hospital.

Also appearing at an inquest will be Arthur Young, 50, of 1770 Lyman pl. ne., operator of a Capital Transit Co. bus, which struck Frederick Dozier, Negro, 30, of 1613 Acker st. ne., Saturday at Tenth and E sts. ne. Dozier was pronounced dead on arrival at Casualty Hospital.

NAVY

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plained, because "we do not wish the Japanese to know what ships they have hit, nor to what extent vessels have been injured, nor how soon they may be back in action."

He described Japanese claims as "fantastic," and made to fish for information.

October Losses Announced

The Navy Secretary denied specifically what he said were rumors that the Navy had not announced all losses in last October's sea and air battling when the Japanese fleet, thrusting into the Philippines in three prongs, was "beaten, routed and broken."

About 60 Japanese naval vessels were sunk in that fighting while announced American losses were a light aircraft carrier, two escort carriers, two destroyers, a destroyer escort and "some lesser ships."

"All vessels lost in that battle have been announced," Forrestal said. "All planes lost in combat during that battle have been announced."

He summed up:

"In spite of all the Japanese have been able to do, both with their Navy and with their land-based aircraft, we and not they are winning the campaign for the Philippines. We now dominate the waters around those islands and the air over them."

RUSSIA

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in that sector but stand on the north bank almost opposite Esztergom and control the stream with heavy artillery for as much as 50 miles, so that no enemy vessel could run the gantlet from Budapest.

They cover the river solidly on the south and today took the riverbank suburb of Budafok. Directly north of Budapest, they were within a mile of the river in the suburbs of Urom, Pillisborosjeno and Pomaz.

Nazis Lose 543 Tanks

The Russians were silent concerning other fronts, except to say that fighting of local importance went on.

The communique announced, however, that on all fronts December 25 the Germans lost 48 tanks, losses since December 21, at least bringing to 543 the German tank 291 of these were knocked out by the Third Ukraine Army that now is within the gates of Budapest.

Col. Ernest von Hammer, German artillery commentator, said in a broadcast that a battle still raged on the Courland Peninsula in western Latvia, where an estimated 30 Nazi divisions have been caught with their back to the sea.

Von Hammer stated that the Russians had thrown in at least eight fresh divisions and thre major tank formations to achieve a penetration of nearly 1 mile through the Nazi line in Latvia.

FOOD

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assumed these holders did not need the sugar, or they would have used the stamps as they became due.

Officials of the War Food Administration, which had officially opposed the ration changes, were divided yesterday on the probable effect. They agreed that distribution of the major foods might now be more equitable, but expressed belief that invalidation of stamps might have a bad effect. Particularly, they believe, everybody will now use their sugar stamps.

Assembly to Get School Program

Darden Plans to Base Recommendations on Denny Proposals

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—Governor Darden said today that he will present a "substanial school program" to the General Assembly this winter—either at the special session now in recess or at a second special session which will be necessary if a constitutional convention is called.

The Governor did not specify what he expects to recommend in the first steps, but said his recommendations will be based upon the findings of the Denny Commission report released this week.

Mr. Darden also said that the preparation of the report did by no means complete the work of the Denny Commission which is to be held in readiness for the consideration of further school programs, at least until another General Assembly is convened.

Also, Health Program

Not included in the Denny report—which contemplates a program to cost $10,000,000 more per year during the next six—is a health program which would cost an additional $3,000,000. The health study being made independently for the Governor was not contained in the Denny recommendations.

The Governor said he is still uncertain regarding what, if any recommendations he might make in connection with school bus transportation—a subject he explored in North Carolina last week when conferring with Governor Broughton and school officials.

The General Assembly is expected to convene again in Richmond, at least before mid-March. The present special session which met December 14 and 15 to submit the constitutional question of whether there should be a convention did not adjourn on the completion of that item of business, but was recessed merely for 30 days subject to reassemblage on call of the Governor.

Referendum Date Waited

No date for the referendum has been set by Governor Darden and he said it probably will not be set until after pending tests of the constitutionality of the measure submitting the question of a limited convention is settled.

Depending also on this test will be the matter of a date for the special election to fill the congressional seat from the Third Virginia District, which is to be vacated by Representative Dave E. Satterfield, jr., some time before April. It is expected that this date will be set to coincide with the referendum date unless Satterfield decides he wishes to retire from Congress earlier. In such case, the Governor said, he would set the date for a special election at some appropriate time, depending upon the resignation date.

The Governor said he had no further particular comment to make on the Denny report, but that the people of Virginia must not forget that any extensive improvements to the present school system will cost additional money, which will have to be raised in the form of taxation. Part of the cost may be absorbed through better enforcement of existing local tax laws and adjustment and equalization of assessments, but the Governor said he felt that funds raised from this source alone will be insufficient.

Va. Educators Hail Plans, Urge Action With Utmost Speed

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—The Denny School Study Commission's report, which recommends greatly enlarged financial support for the State's public schools and suggests a number of changes from the present setup, won the commendation of several educators who commented on it.

Francis Chase, executive secretary of the Virginia Education Association, said the report "more than justifies the high expectations built around it" and added, "I hope the major recommendations will be put into action with the utmost speed."

Dr. Barney Lancaster, State superintendent of public instruction, likewise found the report "very satisfactory in every respect" and said: "If its recommendations can be carried out, it will serve to equalize educational opportunity as between the rural and urban areas and as between whites and Negroes. It is possibly the most important thing done for public education in the State since the 'May campaign of 1905."

Two men who had a leading part in the "May campaign," Dr. S. C. Mitchell of the University of Richmond, and Dr. J. D. Eggleston, president-emeritus of Hampden-Sydney College, had words of praise for the report which was drafted by the commission headed by Dr. George Denny, former president of Washington and Lee University, and released to the press Saturday night by Governor Darden.

Minor Objections

Dr. Eggleston said he was "greatly impressed" from his preliminary study of the report which included 14 general headings covering findings and recommendations and which called for an increase—within six years—of $10,532,426 in the annual cost of Virginia school operations. Dr. Mitchell said that, although he found some objection to certain limitations recommended in the report, these were minor "compared to the scope and value and purpose of the report as a whole."

Mr. Chase held particularly important the proposals to change the present method of selecting school board members, saying that it would give the people a "greater voice" in selection of school board members. The commission suggested that school board members should be named by county boards of supervisors, for staggered terms.

Nine Hearings Held

The whole report was prepared by the commission after an extensive study of the whole field and nine public hearings. It recommended that the goals, including better administration and supervision, better teaching talent, higher salaries for school personnel, and expansion of vocational education, be attained by 1952, on a step-by-step basis.

The plan calls for $4,675,257 be made available in additional funds in the 1946-47 school year, with the amount being increased over the six-year period to the $10,532,246 per year figure.

Fixing Belgian Road Block

Army Signal Corps Telephoto

TICKLISH TASK—Corpl. Curtis Dinnes (foreground) of Willards, Md., and Pfc. August Faust fasten TNT to tree on road in Belgium. Tree will be blasted as road block if enemy breaks through

State CIO Lists Legislative Aimes, Hits Citizens' Measure

Baltimore Dec. 26 (AP).—The new State CIO executive board announced today a legislative program for the 1945 General Assembly and voiced opposition to an "antilabor, so-called labor relations" bill which it said would be sponsored by a group calling itself the American Citizens Association.

The latter measure was termed a "vicious, unprincipled attempt to bring national disunity into the State of Maryland" and an effort to "set class against class and to disrupt the vital contribution which labor is making to the war effort."

The measure has not been presented before the legislative council, which concludes its preassembly meetings in Baltimore tomorrow.

Proposals Listed

Ulisse de Dominicis, State CIO president, said a joint labor and citizens' effort against the bill would be promoted.

Legislative proposals to be backed by the CIO, the announcement said, included:

Increasing unemployment compensation benefits over a longer period of time, with elimination of the waiting period;

Complete coverage of all occupational diseases or injuries in any way rising out of employment.

Labor representation on the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Repeal of the Declaratiin of Intentions Act.

A constitutional amendment lowering the voting age to 18.

Would Require Reports

A four-page printed tract which Sidney R. Katz, secretary-treasurer of State CIO board, identified as a copy of the bill proposed by the American Citizens Association, would amend the annotated code of Maryland to provide "for the filing of annual reports with the secretary of State by all labor unions, associations, locals, clubs, or other designated organizations operating as bargaining agents for employes and to list elected officers and providing for settlement of disputes by negotiations and arbitration."

Mother Battles Extradition in 'Kidnap' Case

Baltimore, Dec. 26 (AP).—A Baltimore mother who has been accused of unlawfully taking her three children from her divorced husband's home in Manassas, Va., petitioned Governor O'Conor today for a hearing so she could resist extradition.

Mrs. Hermina Victoria Hamm, was charged in a warrant with "feloniously and unlawfully seizing, taking and secreting," William H. Weigand, 14; Irene, 12; and Jeanette Dolores, from the home of Lieut. William H. Weigand, USMC. The warrant was issued by Magistrate C. Lacey Compton at Manassas upon complaint of Katherine Hale, housekeeper for Lieutenant Weigand.

Mrs. Hamm's attorney, Simon N. Silverberg, said that Mrs. Hamm brought the children to Baltimore, where they are now living with their mother, early in December. Since she and the marine lieutenant were divorced in 1941, the children have lived with their father.

The mother said that her divorced husband asked her to look after the children while he was away in service.

Detective Sergts. John Fox and George Murphy arrested the woman in Baltimore December 10.

FDR'S LIFE ON WAX —Edgar Nixon (right), director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt library at Hyde Park, N. Y., accepts from A. I. Parker a recorded dramatization of the president's life, for addition to the archives.

Old Dominion's Fall Pig Crop Declines 36%

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—The 1944 fall pig crop (pigs saved from June 1 to December 1) in Virginia was estimated today by the division of agricultural statistics at 509,000 pigs saved. This is 316,000 head or 36 per cent smaller than the 1943 pig crop, but still is 9 per cent above the 1933-43 average.

The spring pig crop also showed a marked reduction from the previous year, and the combined total of spring and fall pig crops for 1944 is estimated at 1,123,000 pigs saved—a comparatively heavy drop of 26 per cent below the 1943 crop. However, the total pigs saved in 1944 is above the 10-year average (1933-42) or 922,000 head.

The average Virginia farmer saved 6.7 pigs per litter from the 1944 fall farrowings, compared with 6.6 in the fall of 1943, the division reported. It is estimated that 76,000 sows farrowed this fall—39 per cent less than the number farrowed in 1943.

Virginia farmers report that they have bred or intend to breed about 28 per cent fewer sows and gilts for farrowing in the spring of 1945 than were bred for farrowing last spring. If these intentions are carried out, only 77,000 sow and gilts will farrow next spring, compared with 99,000 in 1944 and 72,000 for the 1933-42 average.

Hog production nationally in 1944 dropped sharply from the all-time peak reached in 1943, and a continuation of the decline is in prospect for 1945, the division reported.

Martinsburg Flier Tells How Monsoon Rips Planes Apart

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Dec. 26.—Sergt. Charles Murphy, USA Airforces, home with his parents here after 16 months in the Mediterranean and China-Burma-India theaters of war, will be quite satisfied if he never sees those places again despite the romance and glory that have been woven about those far of places.

He admits that the fact that his crew landed in India just at the onset of the monsoon season may have had something to do with this antipathy, not to mention living conditions there which include famine, dust, insects, jungle and Japs, and the toughest flying conditions in the world.

Leaving the States August 23, 1943, as a turret gunner on a B-25, which gives him the status of a flight engineer, the crews were split up to mix seasoned men with lads just out for combat.

For his work at Salerno and the Anzio beachhead he wears the Presidential Citation. Ironically his group celebrated in Cairo in March, thinking they were headed for home for a rest. Only when they disembarked in India did they learn their destination.

Murphy says from April to October is the monsoon season, with torrential downpours daily. Two days after the wet season ends the dust chokes the throat and covers the land with a haze-like fog to the airman. Murphy says he saw planes tossed in the monsoon like matchsticks, broken in half, wings torn asunder and comrades hurled into space without parachutes. One buddy walked out of the jungle many weeks after such an experience, wounded and ill with malaria, and with a fear of planes that prevented flying him home for hospitalization.

Murphy flew "The Hump" into China on bombing missions several times. His praise for rescue work on the part of the British, when American fliers are forced down in the Bay of Bengal was unstinted.

Sergeant Murphy dates his personal hatred of the Japs from the day that he saw a plane out of his formation crash in flames, killing four of the crew outright. The fifth, a buddy, floated earthward in his 'chute, only to be cut in half by the Jap who had shot down his plane.

After a period of rest, Murphy said he would like to train for service of the B-29 planes that they glimpsed occasionally over India but were never able to catch in speed.

Alexandrian Sent To Jail for Driving Without Permit

Summoned to Alexandria Civil and Police Court yesterday on a capias issued after he had forfeited $50 collateral on a charge of operating an automobile on a revoked driver's permit, James E. Bostic, 25, of 106 North Royal st., Alexandria, was sentenced to 30 days in jail by Judge James Reece Duncan for driving without a permit.

According to the court records, he previously had been convicted in Fredericksburg, Va., of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor when his operator's permit was revoked.

Elks' Ruler to Visit His Home Lodge In Alexandria

Dr. Robert South Barrett of 404 Duke st., Alexandria, national grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, tomorrow will make his first official visit to his home lodge in Alexandria as national head of the organization.

The prominent Alexandrian, who was also grand master of the Masons of Virginia in 1942, returned to the city on Christmas Eve after spending the month in a transcontinental tour which took him as far as Seattle, Wash., where he addressed the Elks Lodge on December 12. He visited lodges in Montana, South Dakota and Minnesota on the return trip.

Australian Admiral Confers With Nimitz

London, Dec. 26 (INS).—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander of the British Pacific Fleet, just returned to Australia from Honolulu where he conferred with Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, declared today he and the American commander were in "complete agreement" on Pacific naval operations, a Brisbane dispatch said.

(A Melbourne broadcast heard in New York said Fraser would confer with General MacArthur "as soon as arrangements could be made.")

University to Centralize Coast Postwar Planning

Berkeley, Calif. (U.P.).—A recently created bureau of public administration at the University of California will act as a clearing house for all information relating to postwar planning in California.

Samuel C. May, professor of political science at the university, will direct the bureau's operations. May also has been appointed chairman of the technical committee of the California reconstruction and reemployment commission.

Woman Divorced From Mate With Nazi Sympathies

Baltimore, Dec. 26 (AP).—Mrs. Else Kunert obtained today a divorce from one man and an annulment of her illegal marriage to another, telling the court her former husband's Nazi leanings caused the rupture in the matrimonial relationship.

Mrs. Kunert, now living in Baltimore, said she came to the United States in 1930 after separating from Robert Kunert who, she related, was a diplomatic official in Germany and who had been photographed with Goering at public appearances.

She married Kunert in 1922. Their difficulties arose, Mrs. Kunert testified, when she objected to Nazi training for her two young children by a former marriage.

In 1943, Mrs. Kunert said, she was married to George D. Proctor after she became convinced her long separation from Kunert had resulted in automatic divorce.

Soldier Who Shot MP Hunted in Baltimore

Baltimore, Dec. 26 .—Military and Baltimore City police sought today for a Negro soldier a military policeman said had shot him while resisting arrest.

Sergt. Troy Mills, Negro, of Fort Devens, Mass., the military policeman, said he saw the soldier and wo civilians near the soldier's home Sunday and that the civilians held him while the soldier took his gun. During the ensuing scuffle the gun went off, wounding Mills in the leg, he said.

Mills was treated at a hospital and transferred to Fort George G. Meade.

Baltimore Bureau Created to Fight Rats

Baltimore, Dec. 26 (AP).—Nathan L. Smith, Baltimore chief engineer, announced today the establishment of a permanent bureau to deal with rat elimination in the city, effective January 1.

In a report to the board of estimates, Smith said that approximately 1350 city blocks already had been covered by the rat eradication program, and an estimated 61,000 rodents have been killed.

The new bureau, to be operated as a subdivision of the City Street Cleannig Bureau, will be under the direction of John J. Bresnan, of the city engineering staff.

$5 'Conscience' Money Gets Split Two Ways

Tiffin, Ohio (U.P.).—H. C. France, the owner of a hardware store received $5 in a letter from a Michigan man who formerly lived here.

The letter explained the $5 was to pay for a buggy whip which the writer said he stole 47 years ago. The theft had preyed on his conscience.

France didn't own the store at the time the buggy whip was stolen, so he gave $2 to the Red Cross and returned the writer $3.

Has Truck Waiting

Newburyport, Mass. (U.P.).—Pfc. Andy Gagalis, 26, of Newburyport had to be wounded in Italy to get his boyhood wish. From his hospital bed he wrote Fire Chief Frank Creeden asking for "just one ride on a fire truck" when he gets home. He'll have his wish.

Salisbury Police Spend Holiday Guarding Banks

Salisbury, Md., Dec. 26 (AP).—City police and shore patrolmen, tipped there would be a bank robbery in Salisbury over the holiday weekend, spent their time lying in wait for the expected bandits, but nothing happened, Police Chief William Chatham reported today.

Chatham said his men and shore patrolmen stood guard at all three of Salisbury's banks, although the Salisbury National was the institution mentioned in the tip.

He declined to disclose the source of his information, but said he had been informed of the complete plans, even to the getaway route to be taken through and from the Eastern Shore town.

"We didn't know how accurate the information was, but we didn't take any chances," Chatham said.

Subway 'Holiday' Over

London Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Subway workers who took an unauthorized Christmas Day layoff started back to work today, easing the city's transport system which was virtually paralyzed for 24 hours. The strike was in protest against the company's refusal to give each worker at least two days off through the holidays.

Richmond Gasoline Ample, Says OPA Aide

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—Just because five or six Richmond gasoline filling stations were sold out of gasoline over the wekend due to holiday demands is no indication of a gasoline famine, the Richmond Office of Price Administration announced today.

Harry S. Duval, district rationing executive, said he wished to put the public at ease in regard to this subject.

The same stations are open today with usual supplies of gasoline on hand, Duval pointed out.

Governor's Fete Today

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 26 (AP).—The Governor's Christmas movie party for children is scheduled for tomorrow at two Anapolis theaters.

The children's Christmas movies have been an annual affair since 1939.

One Child's Body Found, 2 Others Sought in Bay

Baltimore, Dec. 26 (AP).—The bodies of two of the three children who were drowned when a disabled barge slipped off a beach in upper Chesapeake Bay still have not been recovered, the Coast Guard said today.

A diver brought up the body of William Paul Roughton, 5-year-old son of Capt. Paul Roughton, 48, of Elizabeth City, N. C., the Coast Guard reported, and the search still is being continued for those of Patricia Ann, 4, and Louise, 1.

The family had made its home on the barge since the Roughtons were married six years ago and were unable to find a house in Roughton's home town of Elizabeth City, N. C. The barge left Elizabeth City in tow of the tug Columbia the weekend before the sinking.

Comdr. Robertson Is Found Shot

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—Detective Leon Nowitzky reported that Lieut. Comdr. Cecil M. Robertson, USNR, was found shot through the head in the bathroom of his home here today.

The officer was found by his stepdaughter, Miss Marguerite Groner, Nowitzky said. He was taken to Norfolk General Hospital, where his condition was described as grave.

Nowitzky said a pistol, from which one bullet had been fired, was found in the bathroom. Robertson, in civilian life, had been clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk since 1924. He returned to the United States in July for hospitalization after some six months of naval service in the South Pacific.

Accidental Shot Kills Young Va. Hunter

Gloucester, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—A Christmas Day hunting accident was responsible for the death of a 16-year-old Gloucester County youth, Bernard Bonniville, according to Dr. J. B. Clements, coroner.

Dr. Clements announced that young Bonniville was killed late Monday afternoon when he was accidentally shot by his younger brother, Ashby Bonniville. The death "entirely due to an unfortunate accident."

U. of Va. Shows Captured Jap Radio, Books

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—Two realistic groups of materials captured on the Japanese front have been put on exhibition in the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia.

A set of field radio instruments captured in Burma and a little collection of books left by a Japanese officer when his quarters on a Pacific island were hastily evacuated during a retreat have been given to the University of Virginia by two graduates, both of whom have held positions in the Alderman Library.

The Japanese books are nine in number and include dictionaries, an officer's manual, an Atlas of Japan, a genealogical work lauding what was presumably the officer's family, and several novels. With permission of Army authorities they were presented to the Alderman Library by Technical Sergt. Francis N. Neller, who was formerly a student in the departments of law and of graudate studies.

The set of field sadio instruments consists of a generator, transmitter, receiver, key, earphones and miscellaneous equipment carried by the front lines in a Burma engagement last summer by Master Sergt. John Cook Wyllie, who is on leave from the Alderman Libraru for War Service, and by other members of the First Air Tactical Communications Unit.

For its part in this campaign the unit received a citation in general orders for "superior courage, devotion to duty and technical proficiency." Word has just been received here that Wyllie, who was director of the rare books and manuscripts division of the library, has been promoted to a second lieutenancy.

C. R. Sanderson

Farmville, Va. Dec. 26 (AP).—Funeral services for C. R. Sanderson, who was clerk of Cumberland County for two six-year terms before World War One and who was a leading business man of that county, were held Sunday at Thomas Chapel Methodist Church. He had been a trustee, steward and Sunday School superintendent of the Methodist Church at which services for him were held.

Fatal Knifing Of Boy Laid To 'War Game'

Baltimore, Dec. 26 (AP).—Thirteen year-old James Coulter Young was stabbed to death by a 15-year-old playmate, city police reported, saying the youth told them the stabbing was accidental.

Radio Patrolmen William McLonogh and Charles Horner said the playmates, apparently unaware that "Jimmy" was dead, told them the stabbing occurred while he, Jimmy and three other boys were playing a "soldier game."

The boy said he was whittling a piece of wood, and that Jimmy was supposed to search for him. As Jimmy came up behind, the youth related, he turned with the knife in his hand and Jimmy came forward against the open blade, the officers continued.

The boy told the patrolmen that he was on his way to Jimmy's home to tell his parents when he met the dead lad's sister, who then informed Jimmy's father. Jimmy was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's hospital.

The boy and Jimmy were classmates at a vocational school and frequently played together, the youth said.

Maj. A. H. Gardner, jr., commanding officer of the Lake City ordnance plant near Kansas City, Mo., recently said it would take one man 675 days counting continuously 24 hours a day without time out for eating and sleeping to count the amount of ammunition produced at the plant in May alone.

Livestock and Produce

Baltimore Livestock

Baltimore, Dec. 26 (AP) (WFA Office of Distribution)—CATTLE—Receipts, 500; 50 holdovers not included; receipts, all classes, extremely light; slaughter steers and heifers active, 25 higher than last week's close; cows very active, 25 to 50 higher; bulls active, strong to 25 higher; no stockers and feeders available; load good around 1170-lb. steers, 15.50, early top; few loads 14.35@14.75; odd head common and medium, 10.50@13.50; common and medium heifers, 10.00@13.00; medium beef cows, 11.75@12.50; better kinds lacking; cutter and common, 7.75@11.25; canners, 5.50@7.25; top sausage bulls, 12.00; bulk cutter to medium, 8.50@11.50.

CALVES—Receipts, 275; active; steady with last week's close; good and choice, 120 to 250 lb. vealers, 15.00 to mainly 16.00; common and medium, 9.50@14.50; culls around 8.00; extreme lightweights down to 5.00; medium and good 300 to 450 lb. slaughter calves, 10.00@12.50; cull and common, 6.00@9.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 800; active, steady with Saturday; practical top, 15.10; good and choice, 120 to 130 lbs., 13.50@13.55; 140 to 160 lbs., 13.80@14.05; 140 to 1260 lbs., 14.30@14.55; 160 to 180 lbs., 14.55@14.80; 180 to 260 lbs., 14.85@15.10; 261 to 300 lbs., 14.50@14.75; good sows up to 400 lbs., 13.20@13.70; over 400 lbs., selling for less.

SHEEP—Receipts, 300; active, steady with last week's close; practical top, 18.50; good and choice wooled lambs mostly from 70 lbs. up, 15.00 to mainly 15.50; common and medium, 10.00@13.00; culls around 9.00; choice lightweight slaughter ewes, 6.00; culls common to good, 3.00@5.50; few culls around 2.00.

POULTRY—Market firm, receipts very light; roasters, fryers and broilers, mostly 30c; fowl, colored, 29@29½; Leghorns, 27@29½.

Richmond Markets

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26 (AP) (USDA)—Prices represent sales on wholesale market.)

WHITE POTATOES—Receipts moderate, market strong; 100-lb. sacks, New York and Maine, 3.50@3.75.

APPLES—Market steady; various varieties, small and 1¾-in. sizes, in demand; 2¼ to 2½ lb. and up, 2.00@2.50; some few higher; 2½-in. up, 2.75@3.75.

HOGS—(Prices paid net to producers, f. o. b. Richmond.) Receipts, moderate; market firm; Federal-State grading stations, whites, browns, U. S. grade A, large, 52@54; U. S. grade A, medium 46@48; U. S. grade A, small, 39@40; U. S. grade B, large, 43@44; U. S. grade B, medium, 33@35; U. S. grade C, large, 35; pullets, 35; nearby ungraded current receipts, whites and mixed colors, 38@42; 43@43 doz. for 56 lbs. and up.

LIVE POULTRY—(Prices paid net to producers, f. o. b. Richmond.) Receipts extremely light, no chickens; market steady. All prices on poultry at OPA ceiling. Broilers, fryers and roasters, 28½; colored hens, 26; Leghorns, 22@24; old roosters, 20; old turkeys, all weights, 33.20 per 100 lbs.; young turkeys, all weights, 35.20 per 100 lbs., plus hauling allowance according to distance.

HOGS—Receipts, 2800; market steady with Friday; 180 to 240 lb. grain-fed hogs, 14.10; 100 to 120 lbs., 10.55; 120 to 140 lbs., 12.70; 140 to 160 lbs., 13.35 160 to 180 lbs., 13.95; 240 to 270 lbs., 13.70; 270 to 300 lbs., 13.20; 300 to 330 lbs. 12.05; weights 330 lbs. up, 12.70; good sows, under 350 lbs., 12.35; 350 to 500 lbs., 11.85; over 500 lbs., 11.10; good stags, 8.10.

CATTLE—Market slow on steers; early sales of best steers, 14.00@14.50; medium to good, 11.00@14.00; common grades, 8.00@9.00; top dairy type cows, sell 8.00@9.00, medium to good, 6.50@8.00; common grades, 4.50@6.00; shelly kinds, 3.50@4.00; good and choice vealers, steady, 14.00@14.50; medium calves, 11.00@13.00; common kinds, 8.00@10.00.

Chicago Livestock

Chicago, Dec. 26 (AP) (WFA).—HOGS—Salable receipts, 10,000; total, 15,000; market closing active with complete clearance; generally 25-35 cents higher than Friday's average on barrows and gilts, steady on sows. Virtually all good and choice hogs 180 lbs. and up at 14.75 ceiling, one-price market. Few good and choice 150-180 lbs., 14.25@14.75. Most sows at 14.00, ceiling that class.

CATTLE—Salable receipts, 14,000; total, 14,000; salable calves, 1000; total, 1000; all grades yearlings, including yearling heifers, fully steady, but medium weights and weighty steers dull, weak. Largely steer run. Choice yearlings up to 17.75. Bulk steers, 13.00@16.50; best fed heifers, 15.75; bulk, 11.50@15.00; cows, 15@25 cents higher, scarce, and very active. Bulls, 10@15 cents up. Vealers steady at 15.50, mostly 15.00 down. Seasonal dull trade on stockers and feeders.

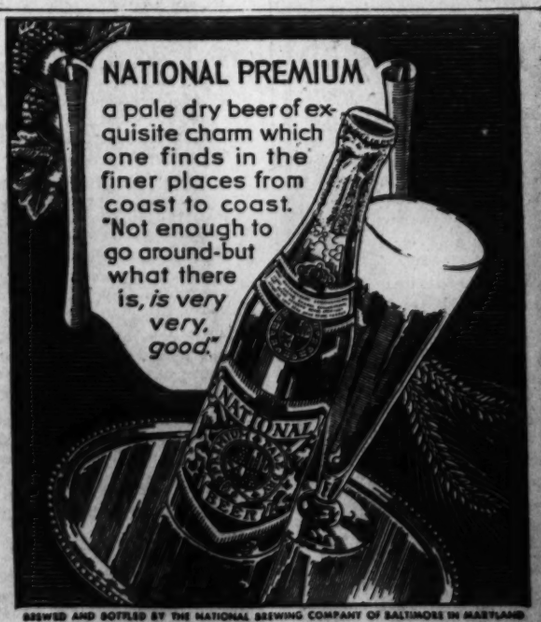
SHEEP—Salable receipts, 6000; total, 10,500; all classes opened strong; three decks good and choice around 94-pound fed wooled Western lambs, 15.00, others held to around 15.25; several sales medium and good lambs, 13.75@14.25; load just-good yearling wethers, 12.75; yearling ewes cut at 1.00 less. Three loads good and choice around 128-lbs.; fed Western ewes carrying a small medium end, 7.25 straight; load common and medium mixed ewes and bucks, 6.00 straight.

BARNABY

12-27
That cop! Searching for an imaginary Pixey he imagines is a fur thief!
John! He said to stay here—
The policeman didn't tell me to stay here. And Mr. O'Malley WAS upstairs. I'll see it—
Barnaby—

By Crockett Johnson

He was in there. But I think he went out the window—
Out a second story window? Not unless he can FLY, kid—
He's not here!
But he CAN fly.
CROCKETT JOHNSON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Fischer Named Revenue Aide In Arlington

George D. Fischer, an employe of the Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue office for the past six years, has been named chief deputy commissioner of revenue succeeding George Damm, according to an announcement yesterday by Commissioner Harry K. Green.

Green, who will shortly begin his twenty-sixth year as revenue commissionerr, yesterday announced a general reorganization of his office resulting from the resignations of Damm and James R. Harris, second deputy.

Mrs. Ruth H. Jones, a revenue employe for the past 16 years, during 9 of which she has served as chief clerk, was named second deputy, while Charles Casey was appointed third deputy, and Irvin Quigg, fourth deputy. Quigg joined the county staff on December 1 and formerly was employed by the General Accounting Office.

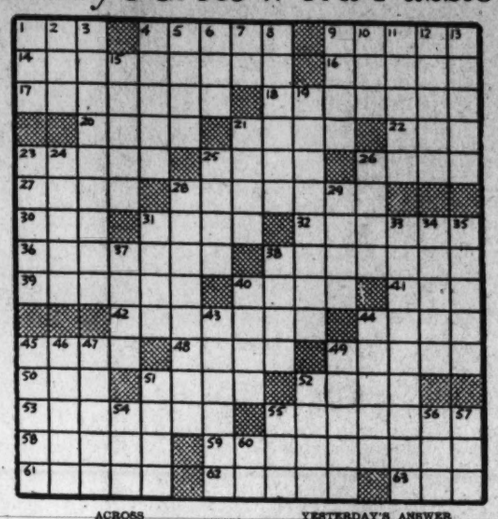
Fischer, a graduate of McDevitt Preparatory School, and National University, has passed both the D. C. and Virginia bar examinations, and practiced law in Virginia for two years before joining the revenue staff in 1939.

Other members of the staff are Edith Corder, chief clerk; Arthur VonAha, file clerk; Althea Golden, Betty McKinney, Edith Houser, Carrie Jordan, Peggy Casey and Virginia Foltz. Green said yesterday that a staff of 16 has been provided for by the State Compensation Board, and that three additional clerks will be appointed next month.

The Commissioner of Revenue called attention to the fact that all business licenses are due next month, and urged business and professional people to secure their licenses as early as possible, in order to facilitate the heavy burden of office work.

It is the custom on British naval vessels to pipe a "hands to tea" call at 4 p. m.

Today's Cross Word Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Owing
4 Less
9 Kind
14 Censure
16 Boring tool
17 Settler
18 Strip
20 Overscrupulous
21 Scraps
22 Beverage
23 Ghost
25 Salmon hook
26 Season
27 Sing
28 Kind of cakes
30 Baba
31 Ice-cream holder
32 Begin
36 Ridicule: obs.
38 Stringed instrument
39 Standard
40 Dwindle
41 Native
42 Powerful
44 Ornamental knob
45 Acorns
48 But
49 Dubious
50 Residue
51 Skin: suffix
52 Whirl
53 Italian delicacy
55 Acid liquor
58 Jewish feast
59 Soft fabric
61 Foe
62 Pointer
63 Consumed

DOWN

1 Lower
2 One: prefix
3 Domestic management
4 Streak
5 Fencing sword
6 Conflict
7 And: Lat.
8 Oppose
9 Clamor
10 Regret
11 Burnisher
12 Not
13 Imagine
15 Confederacy
19 Straight passage
21 Fatigue
23 Humiliate
24 Racing mark
25 Left
26 Hollow sound
28 Denomination
29 Sound
31 Confine
33 Homesickness
34 Obscure
35 Helpful
37 Scotch skirt
38 Horse's hair
40 Close-knit
43 Genus of mollusks
44 Newspaper
45 Billiard shot
46 Quivering
47 Oat husks: var.
49 Spanish title
51 Flat-bottomed row boat
52 Oriental food
54 Hebrew letter
55 Energy
56 Insect
57 Female ruff
60 New England State: abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

ASPERSE ASKANCE
PARLIAMENTARIAN
PROMPT DIALECTS
RACES LISLE CEE
ICER RATEL TORT
SEE SAROS HELEE
ENDANGER HONORS
ROES TOPE
BEDEWS KINETICS
ERIAS HALED DOE
HISS MENDS FELL
ESE COPSE ORALE
ATALANTA ENATIC
DISENTANGLEMENT
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WEDNESDAY

MORNING.

7:30 Music.
8:00 Martin Agronsky.
8:15 Hour of Prayer.
8:30 News Summary.
8:45 Morning Devotions.
9:00 Breakfast Club.
10:00 My True Story.
10:30 Name the Tune.
10:45 Listening Post.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 Gil Martyn: News.
11:45 Gossip for Girls.

AFTERNOON.

12:00 Hit Band of the Week.
12:15—Luncheon Dancing.
12:30 Farm and Home Hour.
1:00 Baukage: News.
1:15 Melody Mart.
1:30 Concert Hall.
2:00 Kiernan's Corner
2:15 Hollywood Show.
2:30 Ladies Be Seated.
2:45 Money Man.
3:00 Morton Downey.
3:15 Star Time
3:30 Appointment With Life.
4:00 Ethel and Albert
4:15 Mary Washington College.
4:30 Time Views the News.
4:45 Hoo Harrigan.
5:00 Terry and the Pirates.
5:15 Dick Tracy
5:30 Jack Armstrong
5:45 Capt. Midnight.
6:00 Melody Time.
6:15 Charlie King.
6:30 Sign Off.

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1400 Kilocycles.

WEDNESDAY

MORNING.

7:30 Morning Clock.
8:00 War Journal.
8:15 New Arrivals.
8:30 Blue News Correspondent.
9:00 Breakfast Club.
10:00 True Story
10:15 Peggy Painter.
10:30 Martinsburg Wheel.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 Kellogg. News.
11:45 Wheel of Fortune.

AFTERNOON.

12:00 Music.
12:15 10-2-4 Ranch.
12:30 Farm and Home.
1:00 Baukhage.
1:15 Bible School.
1:45 Piano Playhouse.
2:00 News.
2:15 The Mystery Chef.
2:30 Ladies. Be Seated.
3:00 Morton Downey.
3:15 Star Time.
3:30 Appointment With Life.
4:00 Blue Frolics
4:30 Time Views News.
4:45 Rev. Harry James.
5:00 Terry and Pirates.
5:15 Dick Tracy.
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 Captain Midnight.

EVENING.

6:00 Good Neighbor.
6:10 Don't You Believe It?
6:15 Spin and Win.
6:30 Evening Reveries.
6:45 Henry J. Taylor.
7:00 Scramby Amby.
7:15 Modern Romances.
7:30 Concert Hall.
8:00 News.
8:15 Lum and Abner.
8:30 My Best Girls.
9:00 Dunninger.
9:30 Spotlight Band.
10:00 Raymond Gram Swing.
10:15 Top of the Evening.
10:30 Sign Off.

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MORNING.

7:00 Musical Clock.
8:00 Martin Agronsky.
8:15 Morning Melodies
8:30 News.
8:45 Lucky Lady.
9:00 Breakfast Club
10:00 True Story
10:30 Sunny Side of the Street.
10:45 Listening Post.
11:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.
11:30 News Summary
11:45 Jack Berch.

AFTERNOON.

12:00 Glamour Manor.
12:35 Noontime Devotions.
12:45 Town Crier.
12:55 Today's Movie Guide.
1:00 Baukage News.
1:15 Music of the Masters.
1:45 Show Tune Time.
2:00 News Kiernan.
2:15 Mystery Chef
2:30 Ladies Be Seated.
3:00 Morton Downey
3:15 20th Century Serenade.
3:45 Sincerely Yours.
4:00 "Time" Views the News.
4:15 Easy Rhythm
4:30 Christmas Stories.
4:45 Hop Harrigan.
5:00 Terry and the Pirates.
5:30 Jack Armstrong
5:45 10-7-4 Ranch

EVENING.

6:00 News: Music.
6:15 Texas Ranger.
6:30 News.
6:45 Henry J. Taylor.
7:00 Just Music.
7:30 Modern Romances.
7:45 Confidentially Yours.
8:00 Ted Malone.
8:15 Lum and Abner.
8:30 Stop and Shop.
9:00 Dunninger.
9:30 Spotlight Bands.
10:00 Raymond Gram Swing
10:15 Bob and Ilene.
10:30 Scramby Amby.
11:00 Music You Want
11:30 Variations by Van Cleve.
11:55 News
12:00 Sign Off.

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WEDNESDAY

MORNING.

6:00 Sign On: Uncle Joe.
6:45 Cordwood.
7:00 News; Sunrise Salute.
8:00 News of World.
8:15 The Jubilaires.
8:30 Community News.
8:45 Morning Devotions.
9:15 School of the Air.
9:45 This Life Is Mine.
10:00 News
10:15 Cordwood.
10:30 Changing World.
10:45 Gospel Singer.
11:00 Tom and Herb.
11:15 Doc Williams.
11:30 Bright Horizon.
11:45 Farm Time with Uncle Joe.

AFTERNOON.

12:00 News.
12:15 Big Sister.
12:30 Helen Trent.
12:45 Our Gal Sunday.
1:00 Old Familiar Hymns
1:30 Millie and Mollie.
1:45 Doc Williams.
2:00 News: Dixie Rogers.
2:30 Tom and Herb.
3:00 Mary Martin.
3:15 Merrill Fennigan.
3:30 High Places.
3:45 Bob Trout, News.
4:00 Service Time.
4:30 R. Scott Show.
5:00 Sing Along Club.
5:15 Name You Will Remember.
5:30 Treasury Department Presents.
5:45 Sports Parade.

EVENING.

6:00 News; Quincy Howe.
6:15 Music
6:30 Encore Appearance.
6:45 Dinner Music.
7:00 Prevue of Programs.
7:15 Music That Satisfies.
7:30 Blossom Time.
7:45 Excursions in Science.
8:00 Something for the Girls.
8:15 Chester Bowles.
8:30 Dr Christian.
9:00 To Be Announced.
9:15 Russ Morgan.
9:30 Which Is Which.
10:00 Great Moments in Music.
10:30 To Be Announced.
11:00 World News
11:15 Danny O'Neill.
11:30 Invitation to Music
12:00 News.

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WEDNESDAY

MORNING.

6:30 Rev. Maiden.
6:45 News.
7:00 Red Belcher.
7:15 The Trading Post.
6:45 News and Markets.
7:45 Plough Boys.
8:00 Curley Joe.
8:15 Smiles.
8:30 Lee Moore.
9:00 Kitchen Frolic.
9:30 Johnson Trio.
9:45 Mixing Bowl.
10:00 Buddy Starcher.
10:30 Service Program.
10:45 Woman's Page of the Air
11:00 News
11:15 Reed Organ.
11:30 Lee Moore.

AFTERNOON.

12:00 News; Juanita.
12:15 Purple Sage Trio.
12:30 News.
12:45 Markets.
1:00 10-2-4 Ranch.
1:15 Campfire Roundups.
2:00 News.
2:15 Town Crier
2:30 Buddy Starcher.
3:00 Lee Moore.
3:30 News
3:45 Afternoon Varieties.
4:00 Road of Life.
4:15 Life Can Be Beautiful.
4:30 Ma Perkins.
4:45 News.
5:00 Story Lady.
5:15 Jimmy Allen.
5:30 Hayden Family.
5:45 News and Markets.
6:00 Sign Off.

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7:00 Early Bird.
8:45 Family Altar.
9:00 Organ Melodies
9:30 Man With a Band.
10:00 News. B Repaid.
10:15 Morning Devotions.
10:30 Shady Valley Folks.
11:00 News; Arthur Gaeth.
11:15 Saddle Pals.
11:45 Interlude.

AFTERNOON.

12:00 News and Gabriel Heatter.
12:10 Music of Leiter Vem.
12:30 Army Service Forces.
1:00 Ray Daly
1:15 Terry's House Party.
1:30 Lunch With Lopez
1:45 American Woman's Jury.
2:00 Cedric Foster
2:15 Saddle Pals.
2:30 Open House.
2:45 True Detective Mysteries.
3:00 Morton Downey.
3:15 Palmer House Orch.
3:30 The Smoothies.
3:45 Tic Toc Tunes.
4:05 Romantic Cycle.
4:15 Johnson Family
4:30 Zeb Carver.
4:45 Handy Man.
5:00 Radio Roundup.
5:15 Interlude.
5:30 Superman.
5:45 Tom Mix.

EVENING.

6:00 News, Sports.
6:15 Pays and Pots.
6:30 Candlelight and Silver.
7:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
7:15 Musical Party.
7:30 Old Corral.
7:45 Hal Aloma.
8:00 Cecil Brown.
8:15—Sunny Skylar.
8:30 Organ Melodies.
9:00 Gabriel Heatter.
9:15 Piano Fantasy.
9:30 Cisco Kid.
10:00 Martree.
10:15 Paul Schubert.
10:30 Glenn Williams.
10:45 Chuck Foster.
11:00 Music, Sports.
11:30 Sign Off

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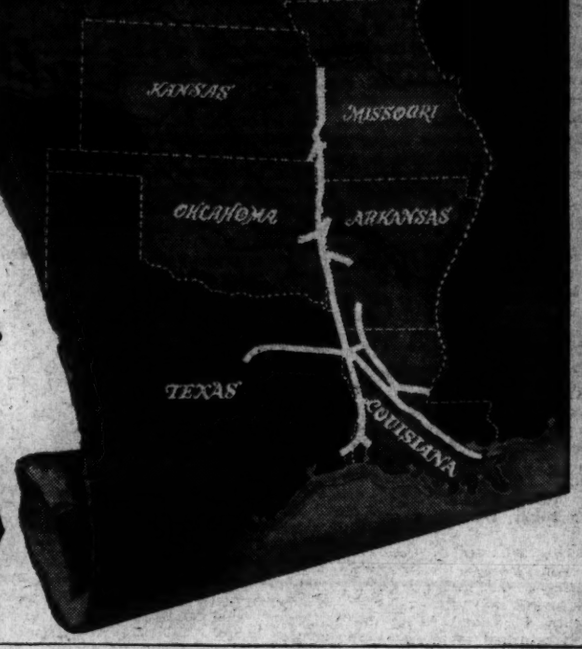

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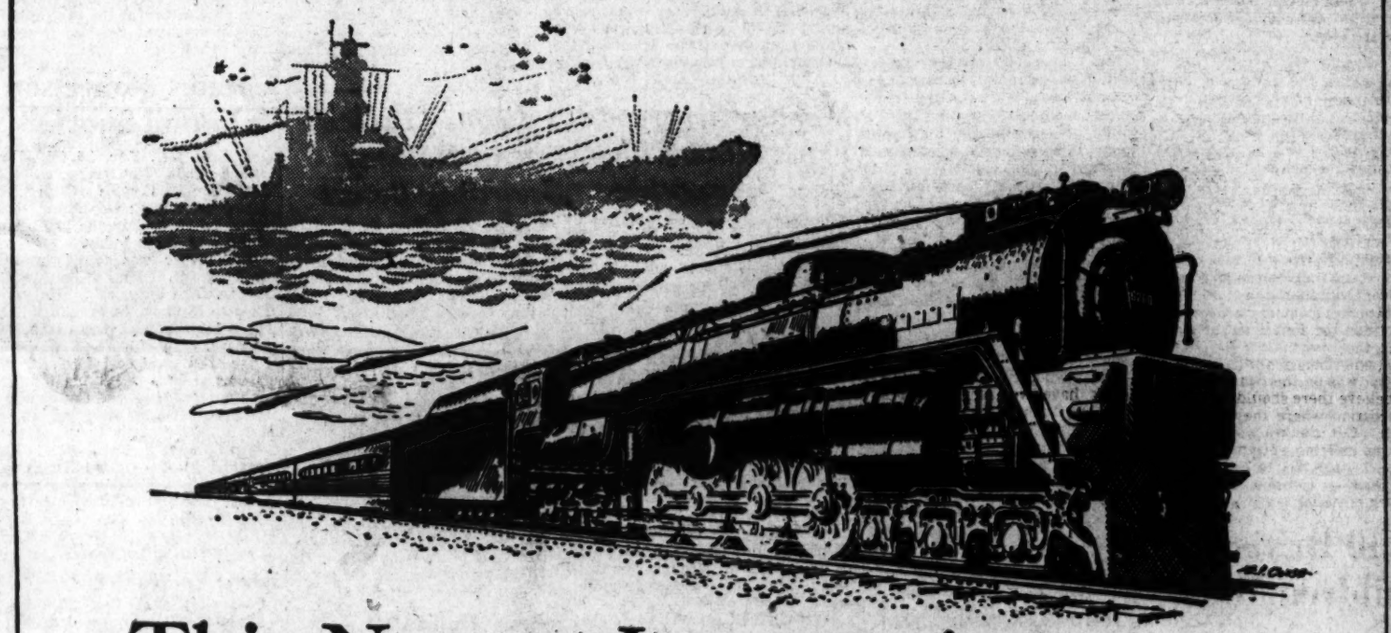

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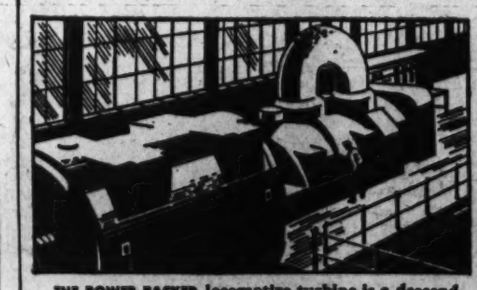

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TVA Report Shows State, County Gains

Rep. Luce Included

Publication Of Talks at Forum Urged

Rome, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Rome edition of the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes declared today that details of an open forum discussion between Representative Clare Boothe Luce, Connecticut Republican, and service personnel, should be made public.

The editorial said Red Cross officials, who arranged the lively session December 22 at the Red Cross Club, had reported such forums were made possible with important speakers "only because they were always off the record."

Quite Provocative

"Representative Luce's discussion had no relation to military security," the newspaper said. "It was largely political, it was very controversial and it certainly was provocative.

"It concerned the postwar world. It concerned American institutions and the directions in which they are heading. It concerned Jefferson as well as the current holder of our highest office, Franklin D Roosevelt. Representative Luce dished out criticism and received it, in turn, from an alert and enthusiastic audience.

". . . It is doubly regrettable that service men and women who were not there cannot share in the benefits of such a discussion."

Suggests "Off and On"

Mrs. Luce, on her return from the front, said she had seen the newspaper's comment and that she understood the Red Cross policy of having the sessions off the record was so the officers and men could say what was on their minds.

"I believe there should be a place and occasion where they can," she added. "But it mikht work out better if the meeting were divided into two parts—on the record and off the record—as is sometimes done at press club sessions in Washington."

'In Lieu' Payments Are 57% Greater Than Former Taxes

By Mary Spargo

The Tennessee Valley Authority yesterday reported to Congress to six States and 126 counties durthat TVA payments in lieu of taxes ing 1944 were nearly 57 per cent greater than the former tax return from the same lands.

Under an amendment of 1940, TVA pays a percentage of its gross power proceeds to States and counties which would otherwise be deprived of tax revenue by the Government purchase of lands. Payments are made on a scale graduating downward from 10 per when the rate becomes fixed at 5 cent in 1941 to 5 per cent in 1949, per cent.

Reveue Offsets Increase

TVA's in-lieu payments have increased from $1,499,417 in 1941 to $2,168,824 in 1944, the report to Congress said.

The increase "reflects gain in power revenues that more than offset decrease in the percentage rate of payment," TVA said.

TVA's payments, the report pointed out, are not the only moneys received by local governments as a result of TVA operations.

"The total tax equivalents fand taxes set aside by the 83 municipal and 45 cooperative systems distributing TVA power, for the fiscal year 1943, amounted to $1,957,614, or 5.6 of their aggregate gross revenues," TVA reported.

These additional payments exceeded by about $400,00 the former property taxes on th eproperties acquired an doperated by these municipal and cooperative systems.

Plan Generally Favored

"During the period of the TVA program," the report asserted, "the financial position of State and local governments in teh area has generally been strengthened; the payments in lieu of taxes by TVA and the power distribution systems, as well as their development programs, have contribute dmaterially to this end."

TVA termed the amendment requiring these payments a "comprehensive attempt on the part of Congress to meet various problems arising out of the immunity of the Federal agencf from State and local taxes."

"The continuation of payments in lieu of taxes by the TVA is recommended," the report said.

"Such payments are a reasonable cost of the power program and an equitable contribution to the support of the State and local government in the area.

"Payments under the present provision of Section 13 have protected local governments against losses in tax revenues anticipated prior to the enactment of the 1940 amendment.

"The payments and payment provisions have won widespread approval in the area. Although changes have been suggested, there is no general desire on the part of TVA or the State and local governments affected for modifications at this time."

Italian Boy's Schooling Sponsored by Rep. Luce

Rome, Dec. 26 (AP).—Representative Clare Boothe Luce said today she would sponsor a two-year course in one of Italy's best private schools for an 8-year-old Italian boy whose appearance won her admiration while she was visiting a Catholic orphanage.

"I was attracted to Augusto," she said, "because he is a real Roman—a real Titian types, with dark eyes, red hair and rosy cheekcs. I couldn't forget him and I returned to see him the next day."

She said she had arranged for needed medical attention for the child, whose mother was working. Mrs. Luce also bought him some new clothing.

1500 British Children Miss 'Americana'

By Corrinne Hardesty

London, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—America means corn on the cob, comic books, snowdrifts and banana splits to British children now returned after being farmed out among American families for some four years.

About 1500 children of thousands evacuated by the U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children, the Yale Committee and through individual arrangements, have returned to their families. Most children interviewed by the United Press counted their American sojourn a happy one. All longed for their American friends and some found readjustment to Englishlife, especially to school curricula difficult. They brought back new tastes in food, accents and expressions which bewildered their parents.

Yearn to See Snow Again

"I would walk all the way to Scotland just to see snow again," said Francis, aged 14, who spent 4 years on a farm near New London, Conn. Francis is the son of an Oxford professor. His mother took him and his sister and brother to America at the onset of the blitz in the summer of 1940 and left them with a childless couple.

Michael, age 19, whose father is a factory worker, joined the navy as soon as he returned from Westborough, Mass. He would like to return, especially to see one of the daughters in the family where he lived.

"There are plenty of dates and dancing parties in America," Michael said a little wistfully. "You get to know a lot of people for there are no tight little communities as in England." Next to dates, automoblies and dances, Michael misses banana splits, which he first encountered in American corner drugstores.

Had 7-Meadow Playground

"Corn on the cob is the most wonderful thing in the world, and next to that is maple syrup," sighed 5-year-old Simon, who had seven meadows to play in on a Connecticut farm and since then has found the neat yards and hedges of Oxford confining. Simon's sister Sally, 9 years old, loved "hotel elevators and the hooting of horns" in New York City. Her Yankee accent bewildered her parents and she complained she'd have to teach them how to talk. Sally calls a "flannel" a wash cloth and insists that two weeks is just two weeks, not a fortnight. Her mother looks forward to the day when Sally will no longer begin every statement with "I tell you what."

Nineteen-year-old Lois returned from Beverly, N. J., to find all her old friends joined up and her family moved from the country to a London flat. "American girls are more sophisticated and go about more than English girls," Lois said. "There's more hustle and bustle in America. I guess I miss that, but I know I miss peaches most of all."

Comic books, frowned upon by his Oxford University, were the delight of 11-year-old Allister. He is now allowed an occasional one, when it can be found in Oxford, but he said he has "mostly to put my mind to Latin and mathematics."

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$30,000 Theft Victim Dead; 'Ruined Me'

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—"Thefts have ruined me" was a line in a note left by Oscar H. Gropper, 57, who fell to his death from a hotel window.

He was owner of Gropper, Inc., a leather goods firm, from which Mrs. Madeline Dunnigan, 22-year-old secretary, recently was accused of stealing some $30,000 to give pay raises to employes.

Mrs. Dunnigan, under arrest on a grand larceny charge, but at liberty on bond, burst into tears and sobbed, "Oh, God!" when told of Gropper's death.

"I never would have believed the man could be affected that way," she exclaimed. "He seemed such a sensible person."

At home with her husband, Joseph, a navy yard worker, Mrs. Dunnigan said she knew Mrs. Gropper and her daughter and that she sympathized with them.

"I guess it doesn't matter about me after what I've done," she added, "but think what this is doing to my family."

Francis X. Clark, assistant district attorney, said that Mrs. Dunnigan, who earned $40 a week, told him she boosted one employe's pay from $30 to $55 weekly and another from $3 to $15 a day.

A friend received $25 a week, Clark said, while Mrs. Dunnigan used some of the money to buy clothes.

Fortress Lived Out Its Ghastly Name

U. S. Bomber Base in Britain (AP). A crew with a weakness for a game of blackjack christened their Flying Fortress "Twenty-one or Bust." They had no idea of the ghastly significance.

The pilot was killed on his twenty-first mission. A huge chunk of flak severed the engineer's right foot on the same flight. The crew was changed—perhaps for luck—but "Twenty-one or Bust" took off on mission No. 21 and was shot down over Germany.

25 Miles to Pay 48c Tax

Lake Andes, S. Dak. (U.P.).—An unidentified Choteau Creek farmer drove 25 miles through a biting wind and subzero temperatures to pay taxes on a portion of his land which juts into a neighboring county. The tax was 48 cents.

Man, Born Armless, Moves Ahead Anyway

Tampa, Fla. (AP).—Born without arms, Jack Hayward, 23, still is making the best of life. Last spring he received a degree from Stetson University at Deland; now he plans to enroll in the University of Florida Law School so he can have a professional career. There's little he can't do with his feet: He shaves, holds books, writes and performs many necessities. He was a newspaper correspondent for several years; writing with his right foot.

Ringside Table

With Mary Harris

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THE CREATIVE ONES. Herbie Sachs, owner of the Del Rio, is also its designer. And you know its decor is both handsome and original. . . The Madrillon's Peter Borras has written songs and magazine articles in the intervals of his very busy days. . . . Milt Barrett, owner of La Conga, also planned its decoration, painted the sunset scene over the fireplace.

The old master himself! That's Massa Joe Moss whose name is fabulous in New York nitery history. In Washington he's made a grand success of Restaurant 400. He not only knows all the nitery answers. He makes up the questions!

A BOW TO THE LADIES. Veteran restaurant men take off their hats to the ability of Helen Hamilton of the Troika, Maria Kramer of the Victory Room, Margaret Lopatin of Burt's Trans-Lux, Olivia Davis of Merry - Land, Mrs. Mickey Costin of Costin's. . . . Mrs. Kramer is the shrewd and brilliant owner-operator of three big hotels, but she takes aspecial pleasure in bringing top bands to her Roosevelt Hotel's Victory Room. . . . Helen Hamilton's flair for entertainment and cuisine has made the Troika internationally known. Incidentally, she looks like Hedy La Marr. . . . Young Margaret Lopatin ran Burt's Trans-Lux with signal success while husband Burt was in the Coast Guard. Now that he's back, she's still his right hand. . . . Olivia Davis is blondly lovely as any Hollywoodite. But what a business sense! Her Merry-Land is a model of smart operation. . . . Mrs. Mickey Costin, big as a minute, is a real partner to her husband. Her original ideas in cuisine have contributed much toward making Costin"s a headquarters for good food.

KAVAKOS,

KAVAKOS DYNASTY. Club Kavakos has been the top spot of the Northeast since the days of "Pop" Kavakos whose picture hangs above the bar. The six Kavakos scions (three boys, three girls) are a closely knit unit in carrying on the family tradition. Bill, as the oldest son, is head man. John is in the Army, but you'll find the other five busy at Club Kavakos.

Collectors are Leonard Mitchell of Olmsted's and Paul Verano of Mayfair. Leonard goes in for etchings, old books, antique furniture. Paul has a rare collection of old coins, said to be worth 10 times their weight in gold.

THE ORIENTAL SIDE. Dick Lam of the Lotus is a graduate engineer, moves in Chinese Embassy circles . . . Sam Wong, after gaining experience in the popular restaurant field, is moving up like a rocket in the niteries. He started the China Clipper last summer, is now taking over Treasure Island. . . . Huey Liang of the Casino Royal is a former singer in the Major Bowes shows.

Nitery owners in uniform are Lieut. Comdr. Vincent Gallagher of the King Cole Room; Sergt. Edgar Baum, USMC, of Crossroads. Partner Eddie Smith is running Crossroads for the duration.

Squirrel Goes Berserk

Chicago (U.P.).—When Jack Mackenberg, 50, held out some food for the friendly neighborhood squirrel, as he had done many times before, the squirrel suddenly attacked him, bit his finger, routed him into a building, then barked and chased several bystanders away who had been observing the little drama.

Who Could Doubt Her?

Chicago (U.P.).—"You just know I wouldn't lie," said a woman being questioned by an Office of Price Control interviewer at the rent control office. "My name," she explained, "is Miss True-Belle Speaks."

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Post Want Ads Bring Results

Liaison Plan For President, 'Hill' Revived

By Robert C. Albright

Revival of a bipartisan movement to establish formal legislative liaison with the President on war and postwar problems, through a select joint committee of both Houses, was indicated last night.

Senator Francis Maloney (D., Conn.), who plugged for the idea shortly after the war broke siad he will reintroduce Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, creating such a liaison group, as soon as the new Congress convenes.

The move is expected to have the backing of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.), who three years ago engaged in extensive correspondence with the President on the subject, and later supported the Maloney resolution during Military Affairs Committee hearings.

Original Proposal Died

The Administration leadership was cool to the original proposal, which died in a committee pigeonhole, but Maloney believes recent events have demonstrated the need for more systematic relations between both end of the Avenue on all problems connected with the war and its aftermath, and free flow of information between the two.

Not only in channeling information that would give Congress a clearer understanding of the latest turns in the war, and resulting home-front requirements, but in supplying Congress with the background for other executive moves, he believes the liaison group would be helpful. For example. he believes the recent rift over the State Department nominations might have been avoided had the President had the benefit of counsel in advance with such a group, and if its members had prepared Congress for the move.

"Obviously, the President of the United States, or members of the Cabinet, or members of important Government agencies, cannot talk with all members of Congress, with each and every member," Maloney told the Military Committee during initial hearings on the resolution two years ago.

Would Sit Down Together

"I think this committee should be able to sit down, as a representative body of Congress, but more important as a representative group of the people of the United States, with the President, at his convenience, or at his desire, or, because it is a committee of such importance, at their desire when the President finds it convenient."

Vandenberg put his case more bluntly: "I think it is perfectly obvious that there is a lack of liaison between the executive and the legislative branches of the Government in connection with the war problems."

Both Maloney and Vandenberg made it plain they weren't asking another "war investigation" committee or one that would tamper with the conduct or strategy of the war in any way. For that reason, Vandenberg suggested the group be named "The Joint Committee on War Cooperation." Maloney prefers "Joint Committee on War Problems," pointing out that it is designed to deal with liaison on postwar problems as well.

Membership of 12

Under the resolution the committee would be comprised of six members selected by the Senate, and six by the House, with membership strictly bipartisan.

Maloney said he will ask the Military committee for another hearing. Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.), ranking member of the Military committee, said he thought the group would be glad to hear Maloney and Vandenberg again.

Johnson personally takes the view that the regular party leaders and congressional committees should do the liaison job contemplated by Maloney. Senator Elbert D. Thomas (D., Utah), who will probably succeed Senator Robert R. Reynolds (D., N. C.) as chairman of the Military committee, declined comment pending study of the resolution.

The roots of the date palm must have plenty of water, while above ground the atmosphere must be dry and hot for the ripening fruit.

The Unseen Audience

Raiders Smash Jap Targets In Sumatra

Kandy, Ceylon (Wednesday), Dec. 27. (AP).—British planes operating from aircraft carriers attacked Japanese objectives in Sumatra the morning of December 20, scoring direct hits on jetties, warehouses and railyards, a communique said today.

Avenger aircraft bombing from 1500 feet, raided the harbor of Belawan on the east coast of Sumatra setting fire to an oil tank and a gasoline tank.

Low clouds and rain squalls made flying difficult and results could not be fully observed, the communique said, adding that on the same afternoon Hellcats and Corsairs attacked Japanese airfields in the Sabang area and the anchorage at Oeleeheue on the northwestern tip of Sumtra.

One Japanese bomber was shot down by a Hellcat pilot. The British formations suffered no losses, the communique said.

Stettinius Sees Robot Attack In 10 Years, Asks Firm Peace

Chicago, Dec. 26 (AP).—Within 10 or 20 years robot bombing is "almost certain to befall this country and all other countries unless we are able to establish an efficient" peace organization, Secretary of State Stettinius said today.

Writing in the Kiwanis Magazine, he said the Dumbarton Oaks proposals are important because they point the alternative "to unspeakable disaster."

"Let no one forget that the robot bomb and the rocket are still in their infancy, at a stage comparable to the stage of development which aviation reached at Kitty Hawk in 1903. . . . These deadly missles can be perfected to the point where they can travel thousands of miles at incredible speed.

"In that event our oceans, our industrial strength and our manpower would not be able to prevent surpise attack and vast damage by accurately aimed weapons traveling faster than sound."

The Dumbarton Oaks proposals, Stettinius wrote, revealed that the four participating powers "recognized that their economic strength and their military potential placed special responsibilites upon them for the maintenance and enforcement of peace."

The Gallup Poll

Public Pessimistic on Postwar Prospects for Employment

By George Gallup
Director American Institute of Public Opinion

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 26.—More people in the Pacific region of the country—especially along the West Coast—are pessimistic about postwar employment than in any other part of the country.

In the States embracing the mountain area and the West Coast 7 out of every 10 think that after the war not everyone who wants a job will be able to find one.

The present survey indicates, moreover, that more young people are worried than older people about the postwar job outlook. A greater proportion of business and professional people are found pessimistic than in other groups, when the findings are analyzed by occupational groups.

Aside from the differences to be found among the various groups, two-thirds of the entire voting population say they don't think that everyone who wants a job will be able to find one after the war.

The question asked in this survey was as follows:

"After the war, do you think that everyone who wants a job will be able to get one?"

	Think all able find jobs	Think not	No opin.
Sex			
Men	28%	66%	6%
Women	22	71	7
Ages			
21 to 29	23	73	4
30 to 49	25	68	7
50 or over	26	66	8
Occupations			
Bus. and prof.	22	74	4
Wh. collar	25	67	8
Farmers	25	69	6
Workers (skilled, semiskilled, unskilled)	26	66	8
Sections			
N. Eng. and Mid. Atl.	26	68	6
East. Cent.	25	67	8
West. Cent.	27	65	8
South	24	67	9
Mt. States and Pacific Coast	23	72	5

The replies:

Don't think so	68%
Think so	25
No opinion	7

The public's attitude is being reflected in Congress, with the new Congress reported ready to give postwar employment problems early attention when it convenes right after the first of the new year.

One proposal which it is said will be given serious consideration is that of the Murray Committee, a subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

This proposal would call upon the President to inform Congress of prospects for employment and national product for the forthcoming year and to recommend a specific program of Federal expenditure to "fill the gap" if it appears that private industry cannot provide all of the jobs required.

Here are interesting breakdowns in the survey showing attitudes among men and women, the various age groups, occupational groups and sections of the country:

Hospital Basement Fire

A fire that broke out in the basement incinerator room of Alexandria Hospital, 709 Duke st., Alexandria, yesterday morning, was put out by firemen from Columbia Engine Co., No. 4 before it could reach other parts of the building. A few mops and cleaning implements were damaged.

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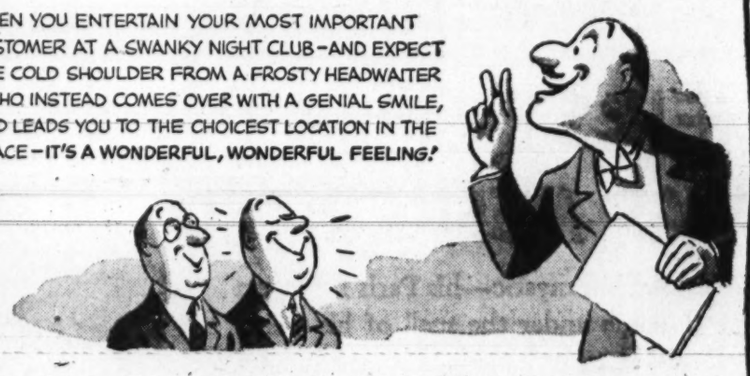
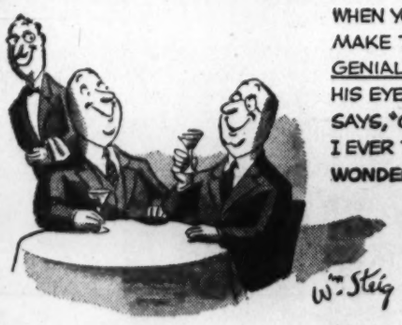
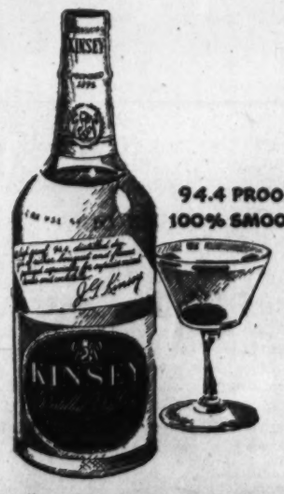




WHEN YOU TELL THE WAITER, POINTEDLY, TO MAKE THE MARTINIS WITH KINSEY, THE GENIAL GIN—AND THE CUSTOMER RAISES HIS EYE-BROWS SKEPTICALLY—BUT LATER SAYS, "GOLLY, THIS IS THE SLICKEST MARTINI I EVER TASTED!"—IT'S A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL FEELING!

KINSEY
the Genial GIN



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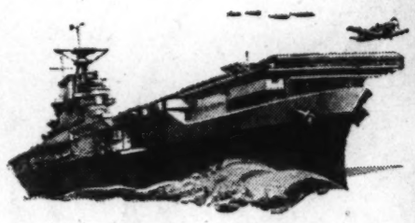

Modern shipbuilding is mainly the assembly of countless parts brought to the shipyards by rail from distant points.

A "flat top" requires about 28,500 tons of steel, including turbines, boilers, plates, semi-fabricated structures, anchors, chains, pipe and innumerable other parts; also thousands of feet of lumber for shoring, scaffolding and deck work. About 202 miles of metal cable alone add up to 288,900 pounds. And into the ship's communication system go 975 telephones, enough for an average town of 5,000 people. It takes more than 1,000 freight cars to haul the material for an aircraft carrier.

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Chaplin Trial Jury Studies Faces of 'Cast'

Los Angeles, Dec. 26 (AP).—Charles Chaplin's paternity trial achieved a new pinnacle of dramatic tension today when Joan Berry's counsel, in theatrical fashion, exhibited the cast of principals to the jurors and then rested.

For 45 hushed seconds the seven women and five men in the jury box examined facial characteristics of red-haired Miss Berry, 24; the 55-year-old comedian, and Miss Berry's baby, 14 months' old Carol Ann, who, she contends, was conceived the night of December 23, 1942.

A subsequent witness for Chaplin affirmed a conversation in Tulsa, Okla., with Miss Berry in which he said she admitted she stayed with a man—not Chaplin—in the Mayo Hotel there. Miss Berry denied from the witness stand last Thursday that any such conversation took place.

Scrutinized in Silence

Judge Henry M. Willis approved the presentation of Chaplin, Miss Berry and the baby to the jury on lawyers' stipulations that no comment would be made on either side.

Chaplain and his former drama student stood about 8 feet apart, both gazing steadily at the jurors. Miss Berry held her auburn-haired child in her arms. Carol Ann, in a lavender and white pinafore, had been gurgling and squealing most of the morning, but throughout this period she uttered no sound.

Chaplin flicked one glance at the mother and child, then looked steadily ahead. His face was expressionless. Joan's eyes reflected the anxious, hurt look which has characterized most other courtroom appearances.

Queried on Tulsa Episode

Then Charles E. Millikan, Chaplin's attorney, called Riley Stuart, a Tulsa detective, and repeated his involved question of last week:

Did Stuart tell Miss Berry in Tulsa on January 23, 1943, that she was going to get into serious trouble if some checks were not taken care of; did she tell him her visit to Tulsa was a personal one; that a friend had disappointed her; that she had stayed a day and a night with J. Paul Getty (identified in newspaper records as a millionaire oil man) at the Mayo Hotel; that she thought he would fix up the checks if she could get in touch with him in New York?

Stuart said such a conversation took place. Last Thursday, in cross-examination, Miss Berry declared that the conversation "wasn't that way at all."

Millikan then called O. C. Lassiter, Tulsa lawyer who in January, 1943, was assistant county counsel. Lassiter testified he talked with Miss Berry January 28 of that year. He said he was dismissing a charge against her at that time, but did not explain its nature.

Testimony About Oil Man

Lassiter said Miss Berry had told him she had "gone overboard" for an oil man; that she had come to Tulsa to be with him; that she did not wish to disclose his name, but that he was in love with her; that she had met him in California and gone to Florida with him in November, 1942; that he wanted to marry her if he could get rid of his wife; that she had spent two days and two nights with her in the Mayo Hotel but that he had left and she could not locate him.

This was the purported conversation which Miss Berry testified last Thursday did not take place.

[According to the United Press, the comedian mounted the stand again himself to deny Miss Berry's previous testimony that he was intimate with her four times during December, 1942, or that he paraded nude before a mirror in his bedroom and asked her if he looked like Peter Pan.]

Draft Appeals Of 2 D. C. Men Are Overruled

The District of Columbia Selective Service Board of Appeal reversed the occupational deferment of the 29-year-old manager of an apartment project and denied the deferment appeal of a 23-year-old Geological Survey draftsman in the only unfavorable decisions during the week ended December 9, when the board handled 351 cases.

Favorable action was taken on four other appeals involving a 27-year-old Capital Transit bus operator, a 27-year-old cartographic engineer for the Commerce Department, a 28-year-old technical adviser to the Flight Training Research Association, Inc., and a 23-year-old Navy Department physicist.

Five men under 26 were among 346 registrants who retained occupational deferments granted by out-of-town boards. They were William J. Hanley, 22, Georgetown University dentistry student; Raymond F. McMillan, 22, Howard University medical student; Paul E. Landis, 24, and Franklin O. Westfall, 25, Bureau of Standards physicists, and Joseph M. Krafft, 21, research engineer, Catholic University.

Other able-bodied men continued in deferred classifications include four Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. employes, three Metropolitan Police Force privates, and 28-year-old research associate at George Washington University.

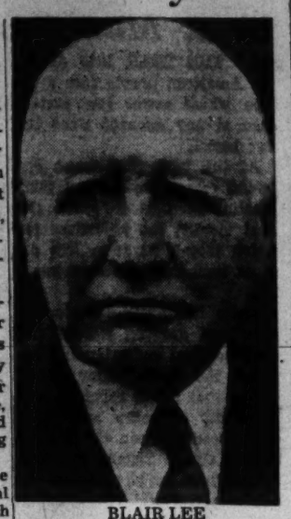
Nineteen of those deferred had already been found unfit for military service and 280 were over 30.

Every conceivable kind of war material is being transported by rail today in unprecedented quantities throughout the country, comprising more than 65 per cent of all business moving in the express service, according to the Railway Express Agency, Inc.

Eighty per cent of all plastics produced are for war purposes.

Funeral Today for Blair Lee, Former Senator for Maryland

Was First Member To Be Chosen by Direct Election



BLAIR LEE

Funeral services for former Senator Blair Lee, first U. S. Senator elected by popular vote after the adoption of the Seventeenth Amendment, will be held today at 4 p. m. at Grace Episcopal Church, Georgia ave., Silver Spring, Md. Burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Senator Lee, prominent in Maryland legal and political circles for more than 60 years, died Christmas night at Norwood, near Sandy Springs, Md., the home of his elder son, Lieut. Col. E. Brooke Lee, park commissioner of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Born at Silver Spring, the home of his parents, Rear Admiral Samuel Phillips Lee and Elizabeth Blair Lee, from which the town of Silver Spring derived its name, Senator Lee was elected in 1913 in a special election to fill the vacancy by the death of Isidor Rayner, and thereby became the first Senator chosen by a direct vote of the people.

Senator Until 1917

He served in the U. S. Senate until 1917. Previously he was a member of the Maryland Assembly for two terms. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the House of Representatives and for Governor of Maryland.

As United States Senator, he actively supported the Hay-Wadsworth bill, which reorganized the United States Army and became known later as the National Defense Act. This legislation brought timely strength to the National Guard, before the national need for troops on the Mexican border in 1916 and in the first World War. He was equally active as a member of the subcommittee headed by Senator Hollis of New Hampshire which worked out many of the fundamentals of the Farm Credit and Farm Land Bank programs. A schoolmate of Woodrow Wilson, the latter campaigned for him in Maryland when Senator Lee was running for the senatorial seat. He was also a close friend of William Jennings Bryan.

Governor Pays Tribute

Gov. Herbert O'Conor of Maryland paid tribute to Mr. Lee in a statement yesterday:

"The passing of former United States Senator Blair Lee, father of Lieutenant Colonel Lee, will be a source of deep regret, particularly to those Marylanders who were acquainted with the political scene in our State several decades ago.

"Senator Lee was a vigorous force in Maryland politics up to the time of his retirement because of advancing age. One of the outstanding Marylanders of his time, Blair Lee's name was to be reckoned with in every major undertaking of his time. In fitting tribute, it can be said that opponents and associates always conceded his integrity and forthrightness. He was in every sense a Maryland gentleman."

Senator Lee was elected a delegate to eight Democratic national conventions. In 1912 at the Baltimore convention he was a leader in the movement which resulted in the nomination of Woodrow Wilson. Throughout his long political career, Senator Lee consistently stood as a liberal.

He supported the political philosophy of Bryan and later that of Wilson.

Princeton Alumni Leader

A graduate of Princeton University and life-long president of the class of 1880, Senator Lee played three years on the Princeton football team. He was a member of the varsity crew and a founder and president of the Ivy Club. He was graduated rfom the Columbian University of Law, Washington, now George Washington University. For many years he practiced law in the District and was a member of the National, Maryland and D. C. Bar Associations. Senator Lee's grandfather, Francis Preton Blair, built the famous "Blair Lee House" for his daughter as a wedding gift.

Blair, editor of the Globe and a member of the "Kitchen Cabinet" of President Andrew Jackson, also owned Blair House opposite the State Department.

Senator Lee was a member of the Society of Cincinnati and president of the Society of Lees of Virginia. His great-grandfather, Rich Henry Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was one of the members of the family born at Stratford.

Besides his son, Senator Lee is survived by another son, P. Blair Lee, Philadelphia, Pa.; seven grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Baby Is Born To Ill Mother In Iron Lung

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 26 (U.P.).—A three-pound Christmas baby and her 37-year-old mother, who gave birth while confined in an iron lung, were resting comfortably at Community Hospital today as authorities attempted to locate the serviceman father, fighting on the Western Front.

Mrs. Iva Hitchcox, Abscota, Mich., was put in an iron lung 15 weeks ago, suffering from infantile paralysis. She had expected the baby about the end of February, but, doctors said, when it was determined the child would arrive early, a specially designed iron lung was sent from New York.

The lung arrived early Christmas Day and the baby was born at 11:28 last night by a Caesarian operation, performed by Dr. Frederick J. Nelges, Battle Creek.

Nelges said the mother suffered no ill effects from the birth and predicted the baby would survive.

Red Cross officials were attempting to get word of the birth to the father, Capt. G. Hobart Hitchcox, with the United States Tank Corps.

U. S. Drafts New Lend-Lease Pact With Reds

By the Associated Press

Secretary of State Stettinius said yesterday the United States is going to sign a new lend-lease protocol with Russia.

Stettinius, who said he is working on the pact now and working on it hard, authorized this quotation:

"As you probably know, the proposed fourth protocol, like the third signed in October, 1943, is quadrilaterial. We have been working steadily with the Soviet Union, United Kingdom and Canada in its formulation.

"We have worked out our schedules and the Soviet government made certain further suggestions to which reply is now being made.

Shipment of supplies to the USSR under terms of the proposed protocol has been continuing since July 1, 1944, even though the document has not actually been signed."

(The NAM News, publication of the National Association of Manufacturers, reported yesterday that top Government officials expected Russia to withdraw from lend-lease at the end of pending commitments. It predicted that Amtorg, Soviet trading agency in this country, will take over all Russian buying and selling.)

Soviet officials said negotiations were in progress to obtain American credits for Russia. They denied, however, that any termination of lend-lease is contemplated before the end of the war.

Stettinius said no alternative to lend-lease as a means for getting war-needed supplies to Russia has been broached.

German Patrols Keep Yanks Along Rhine Alert

With the U. S. Seventh Army, Dec. 26 (AP).—German patrols are keeping the Yanks along the Rhine alert, usually crossing the river by motorboats at night and returning the following night.

Pvt. William Elliott of 2505 Dean st., Desmoines, Iowa, told how 15 Germans crossed one night in his area. Elliott and his comrades killed 12 of them and captured 1, while 2 escaped.

Arabian Youths Fined For Reckless Riding

New York, Dec. 26 (U.P.).—Faz Il Ali, 16, and his brother, Kaid Ali, 18, who said they learned to ride bareback in their native Arabia, were fined $2 each by Magistrate Charles E. Hirsimaki today for riding rented horses recklessly in Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

Jealousy Is Blamed For Woman's Suicide

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 26 (AP).—Mrs. Sara Ludwig Northcraft, 27, of Artemas, Pa., died Sunday morning while enroute to Cumberland's Memorial hospital after drinking an ounce of poison, Dr. Linne H. Corson, deputy county medical examiner, reported today.

Dr. Corson issued a certificate of suicide. He said the woman's husband, Robert D. Northcraft, told him his wife took the poison during a period of jealousy.

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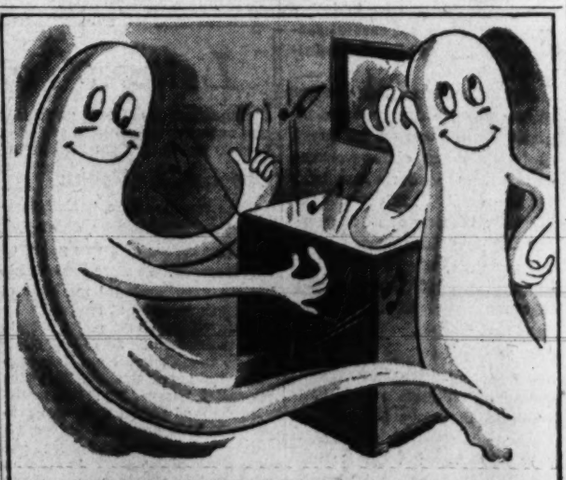

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Fair Play For Nisei

For a little more than two years the United States Government has imprisoned, or to put it more prettily, has "detained" some 70,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry. In the Endo case, decided last Monday, the Supreme Court declared unanimously that this detention was wholly unlawful, at least so far as it applied to citizens whose loyalty to the United States is conceded. Since virtually all the Japanese-Americans whose loyalty is in any way suspect have by now been transferred to a single detention camp at Tule Lake, it follows that the other centers operated by the War Relocation Authority must serve henceforth simply as places of refuge for those who wish to remain.

Because they have been uprooted and made the targets of much public hostility, many of the residents of these centers will not care for the present to venture out into communities whose respect for their rights as American citizens they have come to doubt. It seems clear that they deserve to be cared for and protected by the Government which has been responsible for their situation. Some will choose to start their lives anew, as a number have already done through the help of the WRA, in communities far from their homes on the West Coast. One beneficial effect of the tragic relocation program may be to disrupt the isolation in which Americans of Japanese descent have lived and to inject them into the main stream of American life.

Some, however, will want to go back to the homes and farms and businesses they left in the Pacific States. They should be as free to do so as loyal Americans of German or English or Swedish or Irish extraction. The most elementary considerations of fair play demand that their rights as citizens be upheld. There have been veiled threats against them in the form of predictions of disorder—notably by officials of the California State Grange and the California Farm Bureau Federation, and even by the mayor of Los Angeles. The very nature of these threats reveals the ugly racial bias and the selfish economic motivation behind them. Gov. Earl Warren of California has said forthrightly that the returning Nisei will have the full protection of the authorities under his command. If other responsible officials will follow his lead, there is no doubt that the hoodlumism threatened by a few will be thoroughly controlled. The overwhelming mass of Americans on the West Coast can be counted upon to observe the basic principles of their own political system.

Many of these Japanese-Americans were compelled to dispose of their farms or shops at forced sale; the aggregate value of the property they left behind them is estimated at about 200 million dollars. Congress will be manifesting nothing more than simple Americanism if it acts promptly to afford them due compensation for their losses.

Wartime Savings

Liquid savings of individuals in the third quarter of this year attained the record high figure of 10.6 billion dollars, according to SEC estimates. This huge amount of savings has been added to the 100 billion dollars of individual savings accumulated between the end of 1939 and June, 1944. It is worth noting that a very large proportion of third-quarter savings—6.4 billion dollars—went to swell cash and deposit holdings of individuals, while only 2.3 billion dollars were added to individual holdings of Government securities.

More than 40 per cent of the liquid savings of 100 billion dollars accumulated during the preceding 4½ years have, according to official estimates, taken the form of currency holdings and bank deposits. Thus the evidence shows that the people of this country are in possession of enormous amounts of liquid funds available for investment that have not gone into purchases of war bonds. So long as these holdings are kept in reserve they do not exert any inflationary pressure on prices. Nevertheless, cash in hand and deposits subject to check or withdrawal at will from savings accounts are potentially inflationary to a high degree. They constitute a threat to the stability of the postwar price structure that should not be overlooked. To be sure, war bonds are virtually demand obligations for which holders can obtain cash after a brief waiting period. But the cashing of bonds entails a forfeiture of expected interest returns that make investors reluctant to part with them.

In view of the immense volume of cash savings, the Treasury should be able to sell a much larger volume of savings bonds than it has so far been able to dispose of. It is true that an increased percentage of total income payments has been used to purchase Government securities during the past year—10 per cent as compared with less than 4 per cent in 1941. Moreover, taxes and bond purchases together are currently absorbing about a quarter of all income payments to the people of the United States. Even so, the income left in the hands of individuals at the end of last June after paying taxes and buying Government bonds was, according to the Department of Commerce, "almost equal to total income payments before such deductions in 1942 and was 25 per cent more than in 1941." And the process of accumulation is gathering momentum, as the latest estimates of the SEC make plain.

Power Politics

It is a strange thing that power, which we have invoked so mightily in this war against world tyranny, should be considered a term of reproach in normal international relations. For power is a physical fact, like the wind and the water, and will be present when the war is over. The trouble between wars was precisely that power was not used by the nations possessing it. There was neither any delegation of national power to a world organization nor the assumption of any responsibility by nations holding power for the maintenance of world peace. The League of Nations, to be sure, was a world organization, but it had no power of its own. Broadly speaking, therefore, the League became a debating society, and even then it was not representative, for the United States was not a member. And the nations holding power shared no responsibility outside the League to uphold the general peace. That is why the next peace, if the Dumbarton Oaks project is accepted, will be an improvement over the last. At least power will be exercised by the nations possessing it.

To be sure, such a system is not ideal as an insurance of world peace. The ideal is the world society of which in this country former Governor Stassen is the most eloquent spokesman. The trouble is that mankind is not yet ready for universalism on his pattern. That is to say, it is still without a common denominator of values in individual conduct, and it is this common denominator that is the primary guarantee of peace. When the people of all nations have the same standards, then there is peace. That is proved in all studies of war. The correspondence between peace and common standards of conduct in the history of Greece, Rome and Europe has been worked out in particular in the researches of Dr. Sorokin. Is there evidence of common standards among the Allies who will own world power after the war is over? Only an ostrich would answer in the affirmative. The plain fact is that among the Allies the greatest divergences prevail, as, for instance, in the status and function of their governments and in the rights of individuals. Accordingly, they—all of them, ourselves included—feel that their security depends upon the retention of a maximum of power unto themselves. Thus there is no alternative but to rely upon a concert of the powers in maintaining general peace, an agreement, that is to say, among the policemen.

That is the system as outlined in the plan worked out at the Dumbarton Oaks conference. It is a power system, to be operated in concert by the nations holding the power, and no good is served by pretending that it is anything different. When the "great design" came out of Dumbarton Oaks, that is precisely how the system was described in this newspaper. The norms of our international life, we said, will be the great power centers of the major nations. Now General de Gaulle makes more or less the same observation when he says that the world would revolve around the "poles" of the great capitals. It is in these circumstances that the great powers are preparing themselves for the responsibilities they intend to shoulder. The preparations are to be seen in the Balkans, in western and eastern Europe, and in the various bilateral arrangements which have recently been concluded. Call these preparations, if you like, power politics. They are essential in setting up the equilibrium necessary for the functioning of the Dumbarton Oaks plan. If there seems to be something premature about them, let us bear in mind that the time is never premature for prudent Allies to establish the terms of their relations one with the other.

At the present pace the responsibilities of the great powers will be brought into balance by the time the Dumbarton Oaks project is ready for ratification. And it will be the purpose of the Security Council, where the power-holders and representatives of the other nations will meet, to maintain this balance, and so uphold the collective peace. The object of the nations embraced in the "sphere of influence" of the great powers should be to develop a system of world law to put justice into the world system which the great powers will underwrite.

Pressure Tactics

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles rendered a real public service when he devoted his weekly radio talk not long ago to the exposure of pressure-group assaults on the price-control program. He took a specific case—the efforts of what he termed "a misguided minority" in the stove industry to counterfeit public opinion for selfish purposes. A publicity firm, the name of which we regret that Mr. Bowles considered unimportant to his story, outlined for this little group of stove manufacturers a plan by which it felt "Congress and the OPA could best be intimidated into granting higher stove prices." The plan was neither subtle nor original. It has been tried often before, and no doubt will be refurbished and tried many times again, by publicity agents working for profit-greedy businessmen. The public's most effective protection against such tactics is to be forewarned about their nature.

The procedure in the case outlined by Mr. Bowles was to send editorials prepared by the publicity firm to several hundred newspapers and to corral a number of economists into signing a statement also prepared by the same self-seeking hands. With the fingerprints of authorship carefully erased, it was hoped that gullible editors and commentators would publish these as bona fide expressions of expert opinion. And then, of course, the members of the industry were to bombard OPA officials and Congressmen with these spurious weapons. Mr. Bowles quoted the publicity agent as summing up the climax of his campaign with this felicitous phrase in a letter to his clients: "I will give you the signal and furnish the working material when the time is indicated for you to go to work on your own Congressman."

If the scheme had worked, and if stove prices were increased by as little as 10 per cent, the industry as a whole stood to gain—and the public to lose—22 to 25 million dollars. The industry has by no means been impoverished by the war. According to an OPA survey, the firms continuing in stove production and selling their stoves at OPA ceiling prices made three times as much profit before taxes in the first half of this year as they averaged in a similar period before the war. And the firms concentrating largely on war work averaged profits four times as great. Price control has been no less a boon to businessmen than to consumers. Most of them recognize this and cooperate heartily in its observance. If we are to maintain economic order in wartime, we must remain vigilantly on guard against the few who would chisel exorbitant profits at the expense of all.

Churchill In Athens

Mr. Churchill in spite of his three-score years and ten has lost none of that dash and daring for which he has always been distinguished. It is now well over three weeks since the Prime Minister rose in the House of Commons to denounce the ELAS forces as "gangsters," "bandits" and "mutineers." Such epithets could hardly have endeared him to the men of ELAS. Nor were they helpful in putting down the trouble. Certainly, as events have proved, they did not cause the ELAS to lay down their arms, in spite of the concurrent military measures which were taken by the British authorities. In the estimate of the situation, both Mr. Churchill and the military authorities in Greece thus seem to have erred badly. And the error has been made worse by the fact that the ELAS appears to have been reinforced by wholesale desertions from the ranks of the rival and right-wing EDES.

The worsening situation simply has to be arrested, for it is tending to perpetuate divisions inside Greece and to create divisions inside Great Britain and among the United Nations. This is recognized by Mr. Churchill. And it was that recognition which persuaded him on Christmas Day to fly to Athens, and, with the help of Mr. Eden, personally to attempt a reconciliation of the embattled Greek elements. His intervention is testimony to his flexibility. Not for Mr. Churchill in this respect any stubborn clinging to the carcasses of dead policies which is the enemy of statesmanship. There is statesmanship in the announcement that the conference that Mr. Churchill has summoned and over which the highly respected Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens has been asked to preside will include representatives both of the government and the opposition.

Literally Mr. Churchill is taking a great risk in going himself to Athens. Soon after his arrival a ton of dynamite was discovered under streetcar lines opposite the main doors of the hotel where the British party was staying. But the stakes are worth the risk. No stone should be left unturned to restore peace and order to Greece at this moment when the irruption of the Germans on the Western Front and when the capital that Goebbels is making out of Greece call imperatively for the tightening of the United Nations' front. We wish Mr. Churchill well.

WITCH HAZEL

Late yellow sun, red stars at night, frost on the grass;
November here again, clover and primrose and aster gone.

November in us too; we too beyond the spring tumult.
The April gales that swept us once no longer roar
and thunder in our blood. The tides that lift us now
will never run clear; old currents stir and tug in them;
the strong and shining sun, the bright clear streams,
the early April flower never ours: we come too late.

There is a flower though that blossoms now at the wood's edge,
witch hazel, curling yellow fingers to the cool damp air.
Even the winter snows will scarcely blacken it,
nor close its hands open to the winter sun.
It is a sturdy flower, hard to the sharp teeth of frost,
and in its season bears round kernels of tough fruit.
It has a strength and peace within itself, most precious
to these lean autumnal days.

FRED LAPE

Holiday Splurge

By Malvina Lindsay

Feminine Fandangle

THE SORDID HOLIDAY buying spree—in celebration of Him who had "no place to lay His head"—is being explained on many grounds. These range from the laws of economics to the hackneyed old alibi, human nature.

Bewildered merchants describe their Christmas business, which ranged in average volume over the country from 10 to 25 per cent greater than last year, as phenomenal and record-breaking Some, looking sadly at their empty shelves, call it "unhealthy."

Despite ominous headlines from Europe,, the buying went dizzily on. And this week, as the casualty lists and calls for blood donors increase, there is in swing throughout the Nation a return to prewar partying and merry-making.

Are we, the people who have suffered least, already war-weary, unable to stand any longer our strait jacket of war? Or are we reaching toward Santa Claus to escape our anxieties?

More money to spend, is the usual explanation of what is happening. Yet increase in national income and in employment this year has surely not been such as to warrant increased spending. True, we have spent freely for a greater number of servicemen's Christmas. But that buying was done early. The great shopping melee was a December product.

Human Weakness

Yes, it is human nature to think in terms of self and of material things, and to feel a childish right to a full Christmas stocking. Also, we may be too far from the battle front to feel war's urgency as do the British, who are reported having a somber holiday season with festivities at a minimum. Moreover, our great production capacities have given us the jewelry, lingerie furs, perfumes, gadgets which American promotion and advertising have angled tantalizingly before us.

Yet, underneath all this, there seemed to be impalpable forces at work. These forces are working in women, have been working in them since the war began—and before.

Women were the preponderant Christmas buyers, and apparently the preponderant recipients of gifts. They are also the ones who are setting this season's accelerated social pace. Leading the holiday sales volume of department and specialty stores were women's wearing apparel (especially lingerie), costume jewelry, cosmetics. Luxury goods, as furs, silver, leather handbags were in great demand. Sheer stockings were sold out in many stores. Formal and dinner dresses reached their peak sales. The glitter craze in decoration, which started several seasons ago, attained dazzling effulgence.

Significant were the crushes at costume jewelry counters. A gigantic grab was on for pearl dog collars and chokers, oversize earrings, barbaric bracelets, blazing pins. Yet this was nothing new. Who does not remember the feminine throngs furiously clutching for jeweled baubles at main floor bargain counters in the months following Pearl Harbor.

Cost of Glamour

The craze for jewelry, age-old symbol of feminine allure, had begun in the early 30s, gained momentum steadily after Munich. Now America, despite the 20 per cent luxury tax, is spending almost one billion a year on it, according to the Tax Institute of New York.

Also in those uneasy transition years the trend of the 30s toward femininity in dress quickened. More adornment, more frills were added, as more news came from Paris of "elegance" and "luxury" in attire. Now we learn that the prescient Parisians, even through German occupation and bicycle transportation, cherished the decorative motif in dress. In this country, women outmaneuvered material shortages and L-85 regulations by covering themselves with sequins and jewels and indulging in riots to get nylon stockings.

In this holiday craze for jewelry, for frothy negligees (that five million absent men cannot admire), for perfume, for glamour, are women subconsciously preparing for competition in a world depleted of men? Or are they holding back from a rigorous workaday world ahead, in which they will have to shoulder economic and political responsibility? Or are they moving into a new romantic cycle of social attitudes?

Only the future can reveal what long range psychic forces are influencing them. Certain it is they are confused, anxious and afraid. Perhaps they are turning to their traditional refuge from the unknown.

Uncertain Future

By Sumner Welles

U. S. Must Assume Leadership

AS THE YEAR 1945 dawns, the American people face a future which seems less certain than at any moment since the war began.

At the very time when our armed forces are making their greatest sacrifice to speed the final victory, the objectives for which they fight seem less assured than they did three years ago.

There has become evident a wide and growing rift in the basic political understanding between the three major allies. Unless that rift is repaired, unless unity of policy and unity of purpose between the United States, Great Britan and the Soviet Union can be restored, not only can no valid International organization be established, but no lasting peace settlements can be concluded.

The people of the United States were led to believe a little over a year ago that the signing of the Moscow Declaration meant that the major powers would agree upon the settlement of all post-war problems.

THE MOSCOW DECLARATION is no more than a formulation of common objectives. Without implementation, it is of no more practical value than the Kellog-Briand Pact.

The Moscow Declaration should have been, and was intended to be, the Siamese twin of a further agreement. By this second agreement a council, similar to the Security Council subsequently recommended in the Dumbarton Oaks proposals, would have been immediately set up. Such a council would have sat continuously until the end of the war and would then have been argued in the futurt international organization. It offered the best method whereby political unity could have been maintained between the three great powers and whereby the lesser powers could have had a fair hearing.

The failure of this government to insist upon such implementation—at a time when it was in a position successfully so to insist—is now bearing its bitter fruit.

The British and Soviet governments have arrived at certain bilateral understandings. As is now publicly admitted, these understandings provide for a mutual recognition of "spheres of influence." Great Britain has obtained an apparent upper hand in Greece and Italy, while the Soviet Union exercises predominance in the Balkans and in eastern Europe.

THE BRITISH government has asserted its authority in Italy and in Greece. It has controlled the composition of a new Italian government. It has used armed force in Greece to repress one political element in that unhappy country.

The announcement by the State Department that the United States disassociated itself from the British policy, that it regarded "the composition of the Italian government as purely an Italian affair," and, subsequently,, that "this policy would apply to an even-more pronounced degree with regard to governments of the United Nations in their liberated territories," constituted a statement of principles which are inherently sound. But made when and as it was, the effect was altogether disruptive.

Mr. Churchill's retaliation was swift. He promptly announced that the British government officially supported the solution of the Polish problem desired by the Soviet Union. As I wrote a year ago, I believe that a solution of the character proposed is the one most likely to result in the creation of a strong, stable and secure Poland after the war.

But if Great Britain and the Soviet Union have already determined upon this solution, what is this country going to do about it if it does not approve? Certainly the statement now issued upon the question by the State Department gives no indication that this Government intends to take any further initiative in the matter.

The result of all of these events has been to shake American public opinion as it has not been shaken since Pearl Harbor. The Anglophobes are having a new field day. The Red baiters are having theirs. The subversive and disruptive elements in our population have not lost their opportunity. Could the isolationists ask for a better break

AND WHAT is the real reason for what has happened?

The real reason is that the United States was given the opportunity more than a year ago to assert leadership and failed to lead.

If this country had then demanded of its major allies that precisely the same kind of organization be established to deal with political problems as had already so successfully been created in the military field in the case of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, a United Nations Council would have been set up. In such a council all of the political differences which have now arisen to disrupt the Allied front would have had a favorable chance for adjustment. At the worst, open recrimination between the Allies, which helps only the German armies, would at least have been prevented.

And what steps can now be taken?

An immediate meeting of the chiefs of government of the major powers, at which decisions must be reached so that the present threat to Allied unity will be averted and so that neither foreign imposition nor mob rule, but popular democracy, will become the means by which the United Nations will jointly restore governments to the liberated regions.

A meeting of all of the United Nations immediately thereafter so that the proposals of Dumbarton Oaks may become the basis for a final agreement, and an international organization may be promptly installed; and

The delegation to the Security Council of that organization of the initial authority to handle all political questions. These will never be successfully solved if the three chiefs of government attempt to deal with them exclusively in their rare and sporadic meetings.

There is still time to turn the present tide if the government of the United States will only assert the bold, vigorous, and democratic leadership which it has long since been called upon to assume.

Letters To The Editor

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"Appeal For Rooms"

Once upon a time "only" four-legged animals, turkeys, dumb fish, etc., were aware of a war going on at this season. We were busy thinking out most graceful methods of putting them away at festive tables and played host and guest around them with as much ado as we could lend to those special and less special occasions of sharing. This play was called "hospitality." We smugly exchanged tributes to our performance and expected public tribute or individual glorifying if and when the product was delivered on anything but a barter basis. Even a lend-lease system called for a running band of compliments, and our bookkeeping division was working around the clock on the debit-and credit-accounts of our "social" and "caritative" hospitality. The whole thing was called "culture" and the bookkeeping became better and better as culture developed and vice versa. Culture was indeed international, admission fees had to be paid practically all over the globe. The currency and the amount were, of course, subject to local or national customs, and I am happy to state that I found the fees in this country extraordinarily low, probably due to the unusual reserve of true and pure gold left over by the primitive pioneers.

The Post's "Appeal For Rooms" makes me remember all too vividly the way I saw "uncultured" Indians living somewhere in South America. An Indian will walk right into any "co-patriot's" home on his route. He simply sits down at the table, if there is a table, and helps himself to food and drinks. As soon as he has finished, he will get up and leave the house he may never visit again without uttering one word of "gratitude." True, Indians are not exactly talkative, but they are articulate enough. However, they have nothing to say on "hospitality" which they would feel ashamed not to take for granted. And what about the hero and warrior cult of—primitive tribes?

WILLIAM SCHUPP.
Washington, Dec. 24.

Truce On Criticism

The threatened breach in our lines by the Germans is now matched by a breach in the relations between Great Britain and ourselves. There is danger on the home front. The dike that protects the United Nations from the swirling waters of international anarchy is being undermined by both friend and foe. Too many critics in public and private life both here and abroad are endangering the teamwork of the British and ourselves.

There is something indecent, surely, in the immoderate attacks on British policy in Europe, especially when one recalls how England, under the magnificent leadership of Churchill, barely escaped annihilation, and now is heroically facing the insidious dangers of postwar alignments in Europe. It is all the more indecent when one realizes that certain facts cannot be disclosed without weakening seriously the unity of the United Nations. And the war has by no means been won!

By this time we should realize that, irrespective of inevitable differences in policy, and mutual dislikes, the fate of our own national security and that of other nations depends absolutely on the solidity of the partnership of the English-speaking peoples, in peace as well as in war.

Let us have an honorable truce on ungenerous criticism both here and abroad, either of the very weary and gravely harassed Churchill or of our own Secretary of State who has only recently assumed the immense burden of helping the President to navigate the ship of state through the stormiest international sea this Nation has ever encountered.

PHILIP MARSHALL BROWN.
President of the Washington Branch of the English-Speaking Union.
Washington, Dec. 19.

Home Front Problem

By Mark Sullivan

Lewis Threat

THE STATEMENT that Mr. John L. Lewis, early in the coming year, plans to seek igher wage rates for his United Mine Workers Union compels us to realize that not all the disturbing news of Christmas week has to do with the fighting in Europe and our foreign relations, that there are uncomfortable developments ahead in the domestic field. A fight by Mr. Lewis would touch off commotion on several home fronts.

The demanded increase, if Mr. Lewis gets it, would break the War Labor Board's ceiling over wage increases, and presumably this is Mr. Lewis' aggressive intention. That ceiling—15 per cent above the wage levels of January, 1941—is already bulging.

While keeping the ceiling technically in'aca, the Labor Board or other agencies of the Administration have granted wage increases just below the ceiling by many devices. Without increasing wage rates her hour it has increased total wages by granting overtime pay for work on night shifts, vacations with pay, pay to railroad workers for time away from home, and other "fringe" increases, the most used of which has been "correcting inequalitiies." In a former demand by Mr. Lewis some year and a half ago, the device used was "travel pay"—that it,, pay for th etime miners spend in going between the mouth of the mine and the t where they work.

BUT SUCH DEVICES are about exhausted. Any substantial increase won by Mr. Lewis would break the ceiling. This would be followed by demands from heads of other unions. Without much doubt it would please Mr. Lewis to show that he can b:eak the wage ceiling after attempts by heads of rival organizations, CIO and AFL, have failed. A concession to Mr. Lewis, who is hostile to the Administration, would almost certainly lead to concessions to the other labor leaders.

The prospect, therefore, is a battle on the inflation front. A rise in the wage ceiling, if granted, would lead to a general increase in wage costs, and an increase in prices of goods, for both civilian and war uses. This at a time when we realize that the quantity of goods needed for the war, and the total cost of the war, are going to be greater than was confidently assumed. A collateral accompaniment to granting increased wages to workers in industry would be a demand by farmers for higher prices for crops.

Resistance to Mr. Lewis might bring to the front again a condition which is a serious detriment to national unity. When Mr. Lewis was fighting for an increase in wage rates in 1943, a point came at which the War Labor Board directed him to sign a contract with mine owners. Contemptuously, Mr. Lewis refused. The Labor Board called on the President to compel Mr. Lewis to comply. With a manner of wringing his hands, Mr. Roosevelt sai there was no way out by which he could compel a labor leader or labor union to comply with directives of the War Labor Board.

IT IS TRUE that, by court decisions, directives by the Labor Board have no legal force. No one is under legal obligation to comply with them. Practically all employers, however, comply as a matter of avoiding contention and disunity in wartime. One employer, Montgomery Ward & Co., declined to comply. Whereupon, Attorney General Biddle held that the President, as Commander in Chief, could direct the Army to take over the Ward plant, and this was done.

The disparity of Administration policy as between two classes of citizens—employers and labor leaders—has a disquieting effect on the whole American community. It is felt and resented by individuals and classes not directly affected by the issue. To see it revived at a time when national unity is especially desirable would be an addition to a condition already unhappy enough.

Sobering Factor

Germany's counter-offensive in Belgium, however quickly we may stop it, ought to sober those who so lightly endanger the Allied coalition and gamble with national unity at home.

The ill-advised effort on our and British part to dissolve the heroic partisan armies of Belgium and Greece now boomerangs pretty badly. The issues in both countries were not "postwar rivalries," nor "new social orders" nor any other nonsensical things that our press claimed.

The issues were how to speed victory most effectively, how to uproot the agents of Hitlerism who were not only implicated in the betrayals of past but are the instruments of any hope for a German comeback. And the issue is basically the same in Poland.

How gruesome it looks today to see British reinforcements fighting aganist the Greek ELAS, as the Germans lunge into Belgium!

How preposterous, in fact, that two allies should be fighting each other, when dozens of large Greek islands, including Crete, are still not free of Germans, and when the Greek ELAS are ready and willing to aid in clearing them!?

OSCAR L. MORTIMOR.
Washington, Dec. 21.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

FRESHLY APPOINTED Assistant Secretary of State Nelson Rockefeller has a new move up his sleeve regarding Argentina. It will be one of his first steps to try to smooth out the good neighbor policy, now tangled up worse than at any time in years.

Rockefeller hasn't obtained White House approval for it yet, but he plans a face-saving deal whereby Argentina would shake out some of her more fascist-minded politicians and then would receive United States recognition.

Rockefeller wants to get a fresh start with Pan-American relations and first of all proposes wiping the slate clean with Argentina. Other Latin-American nations are not too happy about the diplomatic boycott we have given Argentina. Rockefeller also argues that we are in no position to crack down on Argentina, so let's stop growling and be friends.

Hope Diamond Glitters

SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER of Florida found himself on a hot social spot during a dinner given by Washington's No. 1 social lobbyist owner of the Hope Diamond, Evalyn Walsh McLean. It was during the height of the Senate battle against confirmation of the new millionaire battery of State Department executives, with the two-fisted Senator from Florida leading the fight.

Chief battler against him on the Senate floor and in private committee sessions was Texas' miner statesman Senator Tom Connally, who chafed, fumed, sputtered at the delay in confirmation, considered it a personal insult if any Senator voted against him. In the Senate Foreign Relations Committee room he had bawled out Senator Pepper, and Pepper in turn had put the Texas solon neatly and emphatically in his place.

So when the two Senators sat down at dinner, imagine their surprise when they found themselves on either side of their hostess, Mrs. McLean. Nothing but her and the Hope Diamond glittering around her neck was in between.

Then as Senator Pepper looked across the table, he saw just three seats away the man whom he was blocking as Assistant Secretary of State—Will Clayton.

Pepper had insisted on a thorough examination into the operations of the big cotton king, had helped probe his sales to Japan and Germany, claimed that his business background did not make him a proper person to represent the American people in handling delicate diplomacy involving the future peace.

And there was Clayton sitting opposite him.

All during dinner Clayton and Pepper sat polite but cool. Then, as dinner was over, and the guests moved on into the next room, suddenly Pepper and Clayton looked up to find themselves going out of the dining room together, almost arm-in-arm.

They bowed politely, smiled, and outsiders would have thought they were bosom friends.

No More Shuttle Bombing

One thing which has worried war chiefs a lot is Russia's suspension of shuttle-bombing. This system of giving bases to U. S. planes which fly over Germany and Poland was worked out after a lot of diplomatic persuasion and seemed to be going very well, when suddenly it was stopped. The Russians simply announced that U. S. planes couldn't land in Russia any more.

Not much has been said about this, but there was deep disappointment in high circles, because shuttle-bombing gave us a chance to knock out Hitler's war industry which he had moved into Poland to escape bombing raids from England. Unless planes can land in Russia, it will be difficult to do much flying over Poland from our western bases and then return all the way to England.

One reason why the Germans were able to turn up with so many supplies in the big Belgian counteroffensive is believed to be the moving of these factories back into Poland out of bombing range. In fact, the counteroffensive has brought the whole question to the front again.

The Russians, for years suspicious of the capitalistic world, don't give any reasons for their shutdown. They also didn't give any real reason for refusal to attend the Chicago Air Conference. But constantly they are now following a policy of refusing to permit Allied planes to fly over Russian territory.

Off the Record

By Ed Reed

"Now Junior! Don't you remember how addy used to take you riding in his car?"

Washington Calling

By Marquis Childs

Preview Of Things To Come

TWO IMPORTANT STEPS—one in the form of an official "request," the other already taken—by top military planners give a kind of preview of the year to come. They are strangely reminiscent of the period shortly before Pearl Harbor, when those who saw the coming storm were trying to prepare the Nation for war.

CHILDS

Under the stern insistence of that Cromwellian figure, Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, all race tracks operating this winter will probably be closed within the next fortnight. The decision is not yet officially final, but already most of the major tracks have agreed to closings by January 3. The likelihood is that racing will be shut down tight for the duration.

The big boys in the horse racing industry tried their best to prevent this from happening. They argued that since the summer tracks were allowed to operate, it was only fair to give the winter operators in Florida and California an inning. They had hoped the ban could be postponed until the winter season ended.

Patterson's hand has been strengthened, of course, by the bad war news from Europe. Frequent criticism has been aimed at the racing industry for absorbing manpower and for attracting motorists who use gas and tires to go to the tracks. News photographs have shown huge parking lots adjoining popular tracks crowded with cars.

IN 1945 the Nation faces a major transportaion crisis, and this is the reason for the second step. War planners are about to approve construction of new tire fabricating plants to cost $100,000,000. No substantial production can be expected from these plants until toward the end of the coming year.

There is plenty of synthetic rubber, thanks to the Baruch-Conant-Compton program. But when it comes to fabricated tires, the pinch is acute.

This is especially true of heavy truck tires. The demand for trucks and tires to supply the western front has exceeded all estimates. The rail distribution system had been shattered to an extent far greater than was foreseen.

Naturally, military demands come first. The reserves for essential uses here at home have been cut into deeply. Delivery of essential commodities may be reduced more drastically than at any time during the war.

GETTING WAR WORKERS to their jobs is another phase of the problem. This is related to the rate at which cars are wearing out. According to the office of defense transportation, about 150,000 cars a month are going off the road. While many experts in the field think this is too large a figure, the fact remains that with each succeeding month the 24,000,000 cars still in service are growing more decrepit and the rate of demise is growing larger.

V-E day was to bring a partial resumption of the manufacture of automobiles. But those days in September and October, when manufacturers came to Washington to agree on a plan, seem a long way off. We were under the illusion then that a new car was just around the corner.

The threat to transportation on the highways is related to the tremendous handicap the railroads are working under. For three years the nation's railways have taken a beating, carrying the greatest burden of freight and passengers in their history with a minimum of maintenance and almost no replacements.

Now the end is definitely in sight. How much longer the railroads will be able to go on without substantial assistance in the way of new equipment is a question that troubles many people. One of them is J. Monroe Johnson, head of ODT, who will weep on any convenient shoulder about the transportation crisis ahead.

This does not add up to the kind of year that figures largely in the rosy dreams of three months back. It should sober those who seem to have been intent chiefly on riding the boom that has come out of the war.

Nazi Prisoners Bored Through 200 Feet of Rock to Escape

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 26 (AP).—A 200-foot tunnel bored through rock was the means through which 25 German naval officers and men escaped from the Papago Park Prisoner of War Camp, Col. William A. Holden, camp commander, said today. Six of the prisoners have been recaptured.

"It was a very clever job and took considerable time to build," Holden said following further investigation of the wholesale delivery. "The camp is built on rock."

Holden explained the rock was composed of crusts of calcium carbonate of varying degrees of hardness.

"They apparently used some some sort of tools which our investigation has not yet uncovered," he said, adding that every night every tool is checked in by guards and placed outside the stockades.

The Army officer said that 12 of those gaining their freedom were officers and the remaining enlisted personnel.

Search for the fugitives was diverted toward the Mexican border today with civil air patrol planes taking the air to aid in the hunt.

In previous cases involving escaped prisoners of war they have usually headed for Mexica.

Colonel Holden said the 25 escaped during the weekend after a brief demonstration "ostensibly a combination celebration of Von Rundstedt's success and Christmas."

The escape served to make public a war rumor long current in Phoenix that Guenther Prien, Germany's famed U-boat commander, was a prisoner here. Prien, decorated by Hitler for sinking the British battleship Royal Ark at Scapa Flow in 1939, did not escape, said Maj. Eugene Tays, in answering a newspaper inquiry.

Local Rabbi Given Place on Panel of Biblical Scholars

Rabbi Zerach Green, spiritual leader of the Ohev Sholom Congregation, has been honored with selection on the panel of nationally-famed Bible scholars who will address the Sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis in New York tomorrow and Friday.

He will present his paper on "The archeological background of the term Hebrew" at Friday's session.

The two-day meeting of the Society, founded in 1890 and comprised of the Nation's outstanding Biblical scholars, will be held at the General Theological Seminary. Among the noted authorities who will appear with Rabbi Green on the panel is Dr. Grace Amadon on the Seventh Day Adventist College of Takoma Park.

Dr. Amadon will discuss "The Regnal Year under Babylonian and Persian Rule."

Postwar Oelivers 'Bomb' Among Flowers

Kansas City (AP).—The postman delivered a box to Mrs. W. J. Corcoran and then said nervously: "Lady, I don't know what's in here but it sounds like a time bomb." She gingerly pried off the lid in the back yard with a long stick. Out buzzed a bee, from the tulips that Mrs. Corcoran's daughter had sent to her from Claflin, Kans.

They Undoubtedly Were Digging Hitler's Grave

An advanced Ninth American Air Force Base on the Western Front, Dec. 25 (Delayed) (U.P.)—After pilots of Col. Ray Stecker's Hell Hawk Thunderbolt squadron returned today from a low-flying bombing and strafing mission, ground crews reported they removed chicken feathers, fence wire and part of a family wash from the planes.

Maj. Lynn D. Fargo, veteran of six amphibious landings in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, recently told how one ingenious machine gunner fixed his Army ordnance gun so that, on pulling a lever, the gun rose from the bottom of the foxhole to firing position. Then he rigged up a periscope so he could see without exposing himself. Finally with a string tied to the trigger, he fired the gun from his snug position at the bottom of the foxhole.

Grin and Bear It

By Lichty

"They know they're beat, all right! They got the same sullen look I used to have when my wife's mother moved into our spare bedroom!"

Huge Clothing Buy Planned For UNRRA

Plans to buy 15 million dollars worth of clothing for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration were announced yesterday by the Treasury Department's procurement division.

This is the largest purchase program undertaken for UNRRA and will include all types of warm and durable clothing, for which the need was declared to be urgent.

"Articles desired include mackinaws, sheep-lined coats, work-type pants, shirts of all types, cotton or part wool winter underwear, long-sleeve sweaters, cotton or part wool socks and stockings, winter caps, knitted or heavy mittens and gloves, work clothing of all types, and cotton, spun rayon, or wool dresses," Treasury said.

Garments for men, women and children are needed, it was declared.

Hope was expressed that the procurement could be made from stocks of surplus, distress or obsolete clothing "which manufacturers and dealers have been unable to sell in this country."

Since the garments needed for relief are for the most part the very ones in shortest supply in this country, other government officials were not confident the purchases could be made from "surplus" stocks and expressed belief the large order would call renewed attention to the "need for an overall textile program under which luxury goods would be discouraged and production of durable garments assured."

Badminton Games Are Postponed

Wednesday evening badminton matches at the George Washington High School gymnasium sponsored for the public by the Alexandria Recreation Department are being canceled for tomorrow because of school activities, it was announced by Alan Heil, city recreation director.

The next badminton night will be held January 3 from 7 to 10 p. m. Sessions are for adults with racquets available for use. Birdies are for sale at cost. John Campbell is the instructor.

Millions of white mice are being employed throughout the country in the war effort. Hospitals, medical centers and research laboratories are using over 50,000 mice a week for inoculation, drug tests and various medical uses, according to the Railway Express. The Government uses upward of one million white mice a year in guarding the health of soldiers the world over.

Nelson B. Bell About the Showshops

The Time Has Come For Guessing Game; Notes of the Theater

IT IS SURPRISING how important things get away from one.

What with the professional and social pandemonium of the year's end—plus an occasional dash of the sort of mesmeric somnolence that springs from acute fatigue—it may not be so astonishing that up to now the selection of the "Ten best pictures of the year" never has occurred to me.

BING CROSBY

It has always been one of this column's pet contentions that no one is smart enough to pick pictures for the rest of the world. There are too many factors involved upon which personal opinion might—and usually does—split.

If you and I go to a "show" together and you leave at the end of the first act, or the first reel, because you can't tolerate it, and I stick to the end, for the simple reason that I am enjoying the thing and wish to see it through, nothing I can say to you next morning will be able to convince you that you had a good time, and nothing you can say to me to believe that I didn't.

So that's where the business seems to stand.

However, it has come to be a bounden duty at this time of year to break out with what seem to have been the best pictures of the year.

So here goes, if I have to be pinned down to it. The 10 most arresting pictures released between November 1, 1943, and October 31, 1944, seem to me to have been as follows:

1. GOING MY WAY.
2. THE SONG OF BERNADETTE
3. ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN.
4. SINCE YOU WENT AWAY.
5. MADAME CURIE.
6. WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER.
7. TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR.
8. DOUBLE INDEMNITY.
9. GASLIGHT.
10. LAURA.

I can think of nothing more futile than trying to explain the reasons for my nominations. "Going My Way," I should say, was not only the best picture of its year, but one of the best ever made in any year, thanks to Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald. It had qualities of human warmth, humor and dramatic integrity that stamped it very deeply into this critical consciousness. As for the rest, you can take them or leave them. I note with some concern that there is only one musical on the list. "Two Girls and a Sailor." That seemed to me the best one. The last three entries are exceedingly eerie businesses. "Double Indemnity," "Gaslight" and "Laura," I admit, do not deal with the more genial aspects of human relationships. Each one, nevertheless, is loaded with dramatic dynamite. Anyhow, there they are. I trust I will not be sued by too many who may be offended by my choice.

This morning at 10:30 o'clock, the Apex Theater will be the scene of a children's movie party for the benefit welfare fund of the Washington Chapter of Hadassah. An all-comedy program will be presented, with the compliments of Kogod and Burka. Tickets are purchaseable at the door.

Overwhelming Optimism

Herb Sachs, amiable proprietor of the Del Rio Restaurant, probably is one of the world's most outstanding well-wishers.

This violent claim is based on the fact that his Christmas remembrance was a gold-embossed billfold that presupposes the possession of money by the Bell family.

I have just been counting over the compartments in the opulent thing and find that there are plenty to contain all of the bills payable, notes due, threats of foreclosure, imminent injunctions and all the rest that goes with this "one continuous round of pleasure" we lead on the drama desks.

The count of these slots, apertures crevices, folds and whatnot seems to leave no place for a dollar bill.

And what, may I ask, are we kicking about? We haven't got a dollar bill!

Today is the day the Jean Dalrymple-Marc Connelly production of "Hope for the Best," starring Franchot Tone, gets under way. It will be tuning up for a few performances, if I have my memory on no more crooked than usual, in New Haven, and then will be coming down here Sunday night for its real premiere at the National Theater.

And speaking of the National reminds me. A booking right off the griddle, for the week of January 9 on E Street, is "Glad to See You," in which the principal roles will be played by Jane Withers, Eddie Foy, jr., and June Knight. This is a musical that will be in for two weeks. And — maybe you'll join me in this—it seems about time that a modern musical came along. David Wolper is the producer, the book was written by Fred Thompson and Eddie Davis, who also did the libretto for the same producer's "Follow the Girls," and the songs by Jule Dtyne—I hope they're not tricking me on that spelling —and Sammy Cahn. Should be quite a festival.

New Year's Eve entertainment worries may not be entirely erased but they can at least be assuaged. Special Sunday night shows will be presented in practically all of the Warner residential houses.

David O. Selznick's elaborated production of "Since You Went Away" was the winner of the National Screen Council's Boxoffice Blue Ribbon Award, as the best picture for whole-family consumption released in November. I have no quarrel with that, since it is the one I, as a member of the Council, gave my vote. With Claudette Colbert, Joseph Cotten, Jennifer Jones, Shirley Temple and Monty Woolley heading the cast, it was by far the best selection that could be made from a list of releases that seemed to indicate that November might not have been as strong as it should have been.

Word-of-Warning Note

There is still New Year's Eve ahead!

Live Cattle Price Plan Ready Today

Details of the proposed plan for price ceilings on live cattle, with subsidy and allocation provisions, will be announced in Chicago today by John J. Madigan, assistant director of food prices, OPA.

The proposal was held up last week by Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson until OPA held meetings with cattle growers and slaughterers. The first of the meetings will be in Chicago today and the second in Kansas City tomorrow.

Final Decision This Week

It was generally believed here yesterday that the plan would then be put into effect regardless of opposition from cattle growers and that the top price for beef cattle on the hoof would be $17.50 per hunderweight. Announcement of the final decision will not be made until late this week, however, and is expected to come from Vinson's office.

Meantime, it was estimated that one-third of New York City's 10,000 butcher shops had made good their threat to close down on Christmas Day unless ceilings on live animals were put into effect. The other two-thirds were seen willing to await outcome of Federal settlement efforts.

Jack Kranis, counsel for retail meat dealers in that city, expressed confidence the third would be willing to reopen today and join the boycott of black market meats which he said had been substituted for the "business holiday" plan pending settlement of the controversy.

Ordered to Report Violations

Butchers have been instructed to report all ceiling price violations at wholesale markets and slaughter houses to the OPA and the New York City Department of Markets. Their contention has been that honest retailers could not operate under fixed ceilings on meat and unlimited prices on live cattle—and that they refused "to traffic with the black market any longer."

Albert T. Wendel, president of the meat dealers, said they would be represented in Chicago and Kansas City, and also at a meeting in Vinson's office on Thursday. Unless "on the hoof" price ceilings are put into effect, he said, the New York butchers will be joined in their shutdown by dealers in Jersey City Baltimore, and Boston.

Show Time

STAGE

National—"Cherry Orchard," at 2:30 and 8:30 p. m.

Gayety—Burlesque at 12, 2:30, and 8:30 p. m.

SCREEN

Capitol—"Kismet," at 11 a. m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 and 9:55 p. m. Stage shows at 1:10, 3:55, 6:40 and 9:25 p. m.

Earle—"Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," at 11:15 a. m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:10 and 9:50 p. m. Stage shows at 1:15, 4, 6:35 and 9:15 p. m.

Metropolitan—"Brazil," at 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35 and 9:45 p. m.

RKO-Keith's—"Woman in the Window," at 11:25 a. m., 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35 and 9:35 p. m.

Palace—"Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," at 10:55 a. m., 1:35, 4:10, 6:50 and 9:30 p. m.

Columbia—"Mrs. Parkington," at 10:55 a. m., 1:35, 4:10, 6:50 and 9:30 p. m.

Little—"Top Hat," at 11:10 a. m., 1:20, 3:25, 5:25, 7:30 and 9:40 p. m.

Pix—"The Great Mike." at 3:30, 6:15 and 9 p. m. "Bluebeard," at 2, 4:40, 7:25 and 10 p. m.

Trans-Lux—Newsreels and shorts, at 10:15 and 11:30 a. m., 12:45, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 p. m.

Ambassador—"Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," at 1:40, 3:35, 5:35, 7:30 and 9:35 p. m.

Hippodrome—"Dangerous Journey" at 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:40 p. m. "Pack Up Your Troubles," at 3:25, 6 and 8:30 p. m.

LEONARD LYONS

Gossip From Gotham

New York, Dec. 26.—Secretary of State Stettinius had a press conference at which he introduced to the newspapermen his new Undersecretary, Assistant Secretaries and aides. Among those presented was Dean Acheson, who was introduced by Stettinius as the man who had been running the State Department singlehandedly while the Senate confirmation fight was being waged. Acheson was called upon to speak. He pointed to the others who had gone before the Senate committee, and recited a nursery rhyme: "These little pigs went to market, but this little pig stayed home." . . . Later that day, when Tom Reynolds, the Washington correspondent, telephoned his editor and was asked what had happened, he said: "Dean Acheson called his colleagues a bunch of pigs."

GARY COOPER

Friday morning's newspapers announced the purchase by Best & Co. of the old Union Club at 51st st. and 5th ave. The announcement said that this had been a mystery in big-time real estate, and that the buyers, carefully concealing their identity by acting through attorneys, had employed such care that not even the housewrecking company which demolished the Union Club knew the identity of the interests for whom they were working . . . Mystery my eye. I reported this last September.

The British soon will announce a startling new policy concerning Italy . . . Louis Aragon, the noted French left-wing author, has become the Edgar Guest of France. Whenever anything happens, and he considers the event historic—which is daily—he writes a poem about it and it is published . . . George Jean Nathan is designing a bed in which it is impossible to sleep, and says he'll make a fortune with it. The bed, he explains, is for use by the potential customers of the thousands of Bedside Books and Anthologies which are swamping the bookshops . . . Friedland Wagner, descendant of the composer, is writing a book about Germany.

When Gary Cooper made his tour of the Pacific, he was received by General MacArthur. The men shook hands, and MacArthur said: "I've seen you in so many movies. I've seen the pictures in which you played Lou Gehrig and Sergeant York and admired you in both those roles" . . . "General MacArthur," the screen star replied, "I hope that soon you will have the chance of admiring the picture in which I play you."

The Republican National Committee, at its meeting next month, will discuss a million-dollar program directed toward the 1946 congressional elections and the 1948 presidential campaign . . . Larry Adler and Paul Draper, who started their seven evening and two matinee shows at City Center Monday, came from the ends of the earth to fulfill this engagement. Adler came from Australia and Draper from South America . . . The correspondents who read Clare Boothe Luce's reports on seeing French children in fur coats explain that the fur is from angora rabbits which had to be used because there is no wool in France.

Mischa Auer got his picture into the papers with the story of his ouster from a Russian club in Hollywood because of political statements. The film actor says of his night-club photographs: I am the kind of actor who gets closeups in cafes, but long-shots in movies" . . . Jean Monnet is here now negotiating long-term lend-lease for France . . . Mary Laswell visited Mary Margaret McBride in the country, and reports that Miss McBride is the only one she knows who has a mink tent . . . John McCarten is out of the merchant marine and back doing Talk of the Town for the New Yorker.

Joe Pasternak, whose film rise started with the Deanna Durbin pictures, has become one of the most successful producers in the film colony. Leatrice Joy, the silent screen star, almost made her comeback under Pasternak's sponsorship. When he told her to prepare for a test, Miss Joy first went to the make-up department, and was attended by the same lady who had worked for her in the silent film days. The lady kept mumbling words which the actress could not understand. "I'm praying," the lady told Miss Joy, "and I'm doing it in Hungarian, so that God won't have to translate it for Mr. Pasternak."

Orson Welles has set himself a busy program for next year. He'll write a syndicated column, will sign for a radio series, make a lecture tour starting next month, and resume his movie career in March . . . Ed Brown will be acting publicity director of the Democratic National Committee, working with the assistance of Charles Michelson . . . A noted singer, auditioning for a role in "The Firebrand," heard Ira Gershwin singing some of the songs he had written for the show. "You must be Ira Gershwin," said the actor. "Of course," replied the songwriter. "Did you think I was a singer?"

HEDDA HOPPER

The Biggest Western

HOPPER WED BUL THEA . . Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 26.—Bill Elliott plays the "Fabulous Texan," which will be Republic's biggest Western to date. And, surprising as it may seem they're trying to get Jennifer Jones back there. That's where she started in pictures. . . . RKO wants Dorothy McGuire for "Welcome to the City," which Clifford Odets wrote from "Deadline at Dawn." Adrian Scott already is set as producer. . . . Harriet Parsons's "Enchanted Cottage" is just that. It's an enchanting love story, done beautifully by Dorothy McGuire and Robert Young. . . . When I asked Charley Koerner, "What's next for Sinatra?" he replied, "A Slight Case of Murder With Music." Cary Grant's next for RKO is "The Greatest Gift." I thought he'd given that to Barbara Hutton —her new Bel Air home.

DOROTHY McGUIRE

There and Here

Eddie Horton, spending Christmas in Washington, D. C., with his mother, will be happy to know Felix Jackson allotted him a choice role in Deanna Durbin's next, "Lady On a Train." . . . It's news when a gal like Ann Sheridan asks for a suspension because she doesn't like the script of "Little Old New York." But because she asked for it I'll bet Warners will rewrite the story for her instead. . . . The Bette Davis epic is postponed until February. Probably then another statement will be forthcoming: "Postponed until the lady is ready and willing." . . . Georgie Jessel is so crazy about Tommye Adams it wouldn't surprise me if he'd try to sneak in another sister and add her to "The Dolly Sisters." Gosh, their mother would have been surprised! . . . Veloz and Yolanda's opening at Ciro's on the 29th will sure have me in a ringside seat. Those are two dancers I never tire of.

Now News Travels

The wedding of Gloria DeHaven and John Payne is set for January 8. This is how I know. A friend of mine wanted reservations in Palm Springs for the week beginning January 8, and was told he'd have tto wait until the 9th because on the 8th that suite would be used as the bridal headquarters for Mr. and Mrs. John Payne!

Good Luck, Anway

Ginger Rogers will make her own pictures, which RKO will release in addition to one a year which she'll make for them. Lela Rogers will have lots to say about them. I suppose she and Ginger figure that if Constance Bennett and Kay Francis can produce they can too. Personally, lined as my face is, I wouldn't like to add producer's line to it. . . . Johnny Considine will receive cooperation from the International Red Cross for his picture, "The Gripsholm." . . . Loretta Young, in "Along Came Jones," had to roll a cigarette for Gary Cooper strike a match cowboy fashion and light it. Loretta had been practicing at home. After the scene, Coop said, "Come on, let's stage a contest"—'cause he's been a home roller for years. And Loretta beat him by two seconds!

Experimental planting of date palms was begun in 1890 in the southwest by the Department of Agriculture.

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Steel Output Sets Record As Net Drops

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—The steel industry in 1944 established a new production record with an estimated 89,400,000 tons of ingots and castings, Walter S. Tower, president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, said in a year-end statement today.

This was 80 per cent above the industry's maximum year's output in World War I and almost 1½ times the probable 1944 production in enemy Europe.

'Because of declining orders in the last half of 1944," said Tower's review, "the increase over the 1943 production is not great, amounting to about 600,000 tons. The peak in production was reached in March. After that month both orders for and production of steel declined gradually. Production in the final six months of the year was almost 700,000 below output in the corresponding months of 1943.

"Net profits of steel companies in 1944 were considerably lower than in 1943, despite higher production levels. Total earnings, after taxes, for the year will probably aproximate 170 million dollars, compared with 201 million dolars in 1943. In 1937, a good recent peacetime year the steel industry netted a total of 232 million dollars."

W. M. Packer to Quit As Packard Official

Detroit, Dec. 26 (AP).—The resignation of W. M. Packer as a vice president of the Packard Motor Co., was announced at the company offices today. It will become effective January 31 next.

Packer said he planned to go into business for himself, but disclosed no details. He joined the Packard organization in 1934 as sales manager and during the war had been assigned to special liaison work between the company and the Army Air Forces.

Chicago Grain

Chicago, Dec. 26 (AP).—Grain futures carried a strong undertone today, prices moving up ¾ cent or more, with rye in the lead, on reports that the War Food Administration would permit 50 per cent use of corn in the January alcohol beverage holiday.

Traders also were influenced by the war news, and the present cold wave.

Wheat advanced in relative dull trade, with commission houses and professionals fair cyclers. The market reacted to the new food-rationing regulations, and the expectation that distillers are going to use a fair amount of wheat to supplement the 5½ per cent of corn that may be used during the January distillers' holiday.

At the close wheat was ¾ to 1¼ higher than Saturday's close. May, 1.07⅞, was up to ¾ higher, May, 1.11⅜; oats were 1 cent to 1¼ higher, May, 66⅝; rye was 1⅞ to 2⅛ higher, May, 1.12⅜@1.12½; barley was 2½ to 2⅝ higher, May, 1.09⅛.

Range follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
May	1.63¼	1.64⅜	1.63¼	1.64⅛
July	1.54⅛	1.55	1.54⅛	1.55⅜
September	1.54⅛	1.55	1.53⅜	1.54¼
Corn—				
May	1.10⅜	1.11⅜	1.10⅜	1.11⅛
July	1.10	1.11⅛	1.10	1.10½
September	1.09¾	1.10⅛	1.09⅝	1.09⅝
Oats—				
May	65½	66⅞	65½	66⅛
July	60⅝	62	60⅝	61½
September	59¼	60⅛	59⅛	59¾
Rye—				
May	1.11⅛	1.12¾	1.11⅛	1.12½
July	1.08½	1.10⅜	1.08½	1.10¼
September	1.06¼	1.08⅛	1.06¼	1.07⅞
Barley—				
May	1.08	1.09½	1.08	1.09⅛
July	1.02¼	1.03	1.02¼	1.03

Cash Grain

Chicago, Dec. 26 (AP).—WHEAT—None.

CORN—No. 5, mixed, 1.15¾; No. 4, yellow, 1.08¼@1.10¼; No. 5, yellow, 1.01¼@1.06¼; sample grade, yellow, 95@98¼.

OATS—None.

Barley—Nominal; malting, 1.18@1.37½; feed, 85@1.00.

FIELD SEED—Per hundredweight, nominal, timothy, 6.25@6.50; red clover, 31.50; alsike, 28.50.

Died

DWYER, JOHN. On Friday, December 22, 1944, at Roanoke, Va., JOHN DWYER, formerly of Baltimore, Md., beloved husband of Alice E. Dwyer (nee Elda Jones). Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Wednesday, December 27, at 3 p. m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

ERVIN, WILLIAM DORSEY. Suddenly, on Sunday, December 24, 1944, at his residence, 3 S. Tremont st., Baltimore, Md., WILLIAM DORSEY ERVIN, beloved husband of Flora Ervin and father of Billy and Freddie Ervin and son of William B. and Mary E. Ervin (nee Thompson). Services at Ashton Methodist Church, Ashton, Md., on Wednesday, December 27, at 2:30 p. m. Interment Brookeville Cemetery, Brookeville, Md.

HAMBLY, MARY ELLA. On Monday, December 23, 1944, at her residence, 5713 9th st. nw., MARY ELLA HAMBLY, beloved wife of J. St. Clair Hambly. Services at the S. H. Hines Co. funeral home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Wednesday, December 27, at 1 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

HANNA, SCOTT CLAY. On Saturday, December 23, 1944, at his residence, 5414 Macomb st. nw., SCOTT CLAY HANNA, husband of Elouise White Hanna and father of William Henry and Richard Granville Hanna. Services will be held at Gawler's chapel, 1750 Pa. ave. nw., on Wednesday, December 27, at 4 p. m. Interment Terre Haute, Ind.

MYER, JESSIE A. On Monday, December 25, 1944, at her residence, 3209 Whittier pl. nw., JESSIE A. MYER, daughter of the late Robert E. and Louisa C. Myer, sister of Miss Winifred Myer and aunt of Mrs. Ida Clendenen, Winifred W. Bullard, Robert R. Bullard, Mrs. Louise B. Swenarton. Friends are invited to call at Gawler's chapel, 1756 Pa. ave. nw., where services will be held on Wednesday, December 27, at 2 p. m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

RAWLINGS, MARY E. On Monday, December 25, 1944, MARY E. RAWLINGS, beloved wife of Frank C. Rawlings and mother of Julia, Helen and Frank Rawlings and sister of Eva Laurie, Hilda Lovelace, Helen Morrison, Lillian Wallace, John, Thomas and Rowland Hayes. Funeral from the W. W. Deal funeral home, 816 H st. ne., on Thursday, December 28, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Addison Chapel, Seat Pleasant, Md.

RIGGS, ELIZABETH C. Suddenly, on Monday, December 25, 1944, at her residence, ELISABETH C. RIGGS, beloved wife of Commander Arthur Stanley Riggs, USNR. Services private. Interment Downingtown, Pa.

SPALDING, MARY T. On Friday, December 22, 1944, at Baltimore, Md., MARY T. SPALDING, formerly of 5 Hesketh st., Chevy Chase, Md., and United States Government Printing Office, retired. Remains resting at the Birch funeral home, 3034 M st. nw., where services will be held on Wednesday, December 27, at 2 p. m. Interment Oakhill Cemetery.

STEBBINS, CHARLES E. On Monday, December 25, 1944, CHARLES E. STEBBINS, beloved husband of Nellie T. Stebbins, father of Charles E. Stebbins, Mrs. Mildred F. Wise, Edward M. Stebbins, USA, overseas. Services at the W. K. Huntemann funeral home, 5732 Georgia ave, nw., on Thursday, December 28, at 11 a. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

STULZ, MARIE A. Suddenly, on Monday, December 25, 1944, at her residence, 407 Seward sq. se., MARIE A. STULZ, beloved wife of the late Jacob Stulz and mother of Mrs. Marie Oden. Friends may call at the Lee funeral home, 4th st. and Mass. ave. ne., where services will be held on Thursday, December 28, at 11 a. m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

WESTCOTT, KENNETH L., Sr. On Monday, December 25, 1944, at Casualty Hospital, KENNETH L. WESTCOTT, Sr., of 120 10th st. ne., beloved husband of Mary C. Westcott and father of Pvt. Kenneth L. Westcott, jr., U. S. A. Remains resting at Chambers funeral home, 517 11th st. se., until Thursday, December 28, 8:30 a. m. Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 2d and C sts. se., at 9 a. m. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Alexandria, Va.

WOOLARD, JESSIE M. Suddenly, on Sunday, December 24, 1944, JESSIE M. WOOLARD, beloved wife of Pvt. Walter R. Woolard, USA, daughter of Mrs. Janie M. Ferner and sister of Charles A., Raymond A., Pvt. William M. and George K. Mangum, USN, and Mrs. Evelyn Bacigalupi. Funeral from Wm. J. Nalley's funeral home, 522 H st. ne., on Wednesday, December 27, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Two D. C. Rail Veterans Plan To Retire Jan. 1

Pearce Horne, assistant vice president, and Charles F. Brookes, superintendent of the real estate and conveyancing department of the Southern Railway here, will retire on January 1.

Both men joined the railway company 53 years ago—Horne at Knoxville, Tenn., and Brookes at Atlanta, Ga. They have been together in the same department here for 40 years.

Horne, of 2330 19th st. nw., is a graduate of the Columbian Law School, now GWU. He entered the service of a predecessor line of the Southern as a stenographer. Later he became a court reporter in the law department, secretary to the assistant general counsel at Washington, and in turn law clerk, chief conveyancer, superintendent of the real estate and conveyancing department and solicitor. He was appointed assistant vice president in 1938.

Brookes, of 3920 Morrison st. nw., received LL. B. and LL. M., degrees from National University Law School. He entered the company as a clerk in the Treasury Department, became a conveyancer, a chief conveyancer, assistant superintendent of the real estate and conveyancing department, and in 1938, superintendent of the same department.

At the same time the following appointments were listed in the department. F. H. Thompson, 2014 Klingle rd. nw., superintendent; Haviland Hobbs, 1364 Sheridan st. nw., assistant superintendent; C. E. Le Foe, 4601 Chesapeake st. nw., assistant superintendent, and W. J. Calnan, 3712 35th st. nw., chief conveyancer.

Business Briefs Of D. C. Interest

Industrial Index Steady

The Federal Reserve Board's index of industrial production for November was the same as for October—232 per cent of the 1935-1939 average.

A slight seasonal decrease in November was not reflected in the index, since it is adjusted for seasonal changes.

The index for November a year ago was 247.

In a summary of general business conditions, the board said that in November and early December industrial output was maintained at about the same level that had prevailed during the previous four months. Retail trade expanded further to new record levels.

New Traffic Manager

Northwest Airlines, which recently received authorization to complete its coast-to-coast route by extending its line into Detroit and New York, has named Charles A. Boillod, associated with aviation for more than 16 years, to the newly-created position of regional traffic manager, with headquarters in New York City.

Mr. Boillod will have charge of all traffic activities in the Eastern metropolitan area, into which Northwest Airlines will fly for the first time when it begins operation on its new Seattle-New York route as soon as equipment is made available by the Government.

Local Dividend Voted

Directors of Terminal Refrigerating & Warehouse Corp., Washington, declared the regular semi-annual dividend of $1.50 a share on common stock, payable December 30 to stockholders of record December 22.

B. & O. Net Off This Year

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co. reported yesterday a net income of $21,479,535 for the first 11 months of 1944, or $15,259,749 under the total for the corresponding 1943 period. Net income last month was $1,580,743, a $290,684 increase over the figure for November, 1943.

Holiday Season Cuts Steel Production

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—Steel operations this week were estimated today at 92.1 per cent of capacity by the American Iron and Steel Institute, which placed production at 1,656,900 net tons.

This was a drop of 4.2 points from last week's rate of 96.3 per cent and output of 1,732,400 tons. Shut downs for the Christmas holiday was responsible for the decline.

A month ago operations were also at 96.3 per cent with output 1,732,400 tons and a year ago operations dropped to 86.3 per cent of capacity as a result of more widespread observance of the holiday and production totaled 1,504,200 tons.

Bank Boosts Dividend

New York, Dec. 26 (AP).—Directors of the National City Bank of New York today declared a dividend of 65 cents a share on the capital stock, payable February 1, to stock of record January 13. Previously dividends of 50 cents each have been paid twice a year.

Utility Hearing Set

Philadelphia, Dec. 26 (AP).—New York Water Service Corp.'s plan of recapitalization will be considered at a hearing January 23, the Securities and Exchange Commission said today.

Philco Plans Freezer Unit

Philadelphia, Dec. 26 (AP).—Philco Corporation announced today it would begin production of household freezer units for processing and preserving frozen foods as soon as war conditions permit.

Quotations on N. Y. Stock Exchange

By the Associated Press

Total stock sales yesterday, 996,709 shares; previous day, 529,850; week ago, 1,282,930; year ago, 971,720; two years ago, 1,40,670; January 1 to date, 257,348,647; year ago, 275,611,874; two years ago, 123,504,924.

Dow-Jones Stocks

New York, Dec. 26.

30 Inds.	150.17	150.36	149.41	149.66 —0.97
20 Rails	48.27	48.54	47.79	48.04 —0.12
15 Utils	35.96	36.03	35.81	35.90 —0.08
65 Stks	55.91	56.06	55.55	55.71 —0.28

Transactions in stocks used in averages today: Industrials, 59,100; rails, 144,390; utilities, 46,500; 65 stocks, 249,990.

	Sales Add 00	High	Low	Close	Net Ch'ge
Abbott Lab	3	63¼	63	63¼	— ⅛
A C F Brill	4	9⅞	9⅞	9⅞	— ⅛
Acme Sti	1	65½	65½	65½	+2
Adams Exp	10	13¾	13⅝	13¾	
Addressog-Multi	1	23½	23½	23½	
Air Reduction	14	39¼	38⅝	38⅝	— ⅜
Alaska Juneau	56	6¼	5⅝	6¼	+ ⅜
Alleghany Corp	76	3	2⅞	2⅞	
Alleghany pf	33	36¾	35⅞	36⅝	+ ⅛
Alleghany pr pf	1	60½	60½	60½	
Allied Chem	11	28⅝	28	28	— ⅛
Al Chem & Dye	2	155½	155¼	155½	— ¼
Allied Kid	1	15½	15½	15½	— ¼
Allied Mills	1	31¾	31¾	31¾	— ¼
Allied Stores	1	21⅞	21	21	— ⅝
Allis-Ch Mfg	13	37⅞	37¼	37¼	— ⅜
Amerada Pet	2	103⅜	103¾	103¾	— ⅛
Am Ag Ch Del	2	27	27	27	— ¼
Am Airlines	9	45¼	44¼	44½	+ ¼
Am Bosch	4	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
Am Brake Shoe	3	44	43½	43½	—1¼
Am Cable & Rad	53	12¼	11⅝	11⅝	— ⅜
Am Can	4	91½	91½	91½	— ⅜
Am Car & Fdry	23	39¼	38	38½	— ⅝
Am Ch & Cable	3	26	26	26	— ⅛
Am Crystal Sug	2	19½	19⅝	19⅝	— ⅜
Am Distill	7	34⅜	33¾	33¾	—1¼
Am Encaus Til	7	3⅜	3¼	3¼	— ⅛
Am Export L	3	26⅜	26⅜	26⅜	+ ⅛
Am & For Pow	34	2½	2½	2½	
Am&F P 1st pf	3	95½	95	95	— ⅜
Am & F P 2 pf	15	20⅜	19¾	19¾	— ⅝
Am-Hawaii SS	2	39½	39½	39½	— ⅛
Am Hide & Lea	5	5¼	5	5	— ⅛
Am Home Prod	14	69¼	68⅝	68¾	— ½
Am Home rt	244	1	1	1	
Am Ice	6	6⅜	6⅜	6⅜	— ⅛
Am Internat	1	8¾	8¾	8¾	+ ⅛
Am Locos	14	27½	26½	26½	— ¾
Am M & Fdry	15	22½	22½	22½	— ¼
Am M & Met	1	12⅜	12⅜	12⅜	— ⅛
Am Metal	4	24⅜	24⅜	24⅜	— ⅛
Am Pow & Lt	21	2⅜	2⅜	2⅜	
Am&P Pow pf	18	61¾	60⅞	61½	+ ⅜
Am&L $5 pf	1	55½	55½	55½	
Am Rad & St S	66	11⅜	11¼	11¼	— ⅛
Am Roll Mill	16	15	14⅞	15	
Am Safety Raz	2	18	18	18	— ⅛
Am Smelt & R	35	38½	38½	38½	— ⅛
Am Snuff	4	42½	41⅝	42½	+ ⅜
Am Sti Fdrs	9	27½	27	27	— ⅛
Am Stores	11	17⅞	17	17⅛	+ ⅛
Am Stove	2	19¾	19¾	19¾	— ⅛
Am Sugar Ref	2	55	55	55	— ⅛
Am Sugar pf	1	131½	131½	131½	— ⅜
Am Sumat Tob	3	30¼	30¼	30¼	+ ⅛
Am Tel & Tel	10	160½	159⅝	160	— ⅛
Am Tobacco	3	64	64	64	— ⅛
Am Tob B	16	65	64½	64½	— ⅛
Am Type Fdrs	21	15½	15½	15½	
Am Viscose	5	45¼	44¾	45⅛	+ ⅛
Am Wat Wks	14	8⅝	8⅜	8⅜	— ⅛
Am WW pf	2	99	99	99	+ ⅛
Am Woolen	3	8⅞	8¾	8⅞	+ ⅛
Am Wool pf	1	102½	102½	102½	
Am Zinc L&S	4	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝	— ⅛
Am Zinc pr pf	1	62	62	62	—3
Anaconda Cop	30	28⅛	28	28	— ⅛
APW Prod	2	4⅜	4⅜	4⅜	
Arch-Dan-M	2	51½	51	51	—1⅛
Armour & Co	20	6½	6¼	6¼	— ⅛
Armour pr pf	1	102	102	102	+1
Armstrong Ck	1	43⅛	43⅛	43⅛	— ⅜
Arnold Const	1	11½	11½	11½	
Artloom Corp	1	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜	— ⅛
Asso Dry Gds	6	18⅜	18⅛	18½	
Atch T&SF	16	81¼	79⅞	81½	— ⅛
Atch T&SF pf	2	103	103	101	—1
Atlantic CoastL	15	54	52¾	53¾	
Atl G&W Indies	1	34½	34½	34½	+ ⅛
Atl Refining	8	30⅞	30⅜	30½	— ⅛
Atlas Corp	13	15¼	15⅛	15⅛	— ⅛
Autocar Co	1	14¾	14¾	14¾	
Aust Nichols	1	11	11	11	— ⅛
Aviat Corp	89	5⅝	5⅜	5⅜	— ⅛
Bald Loco ct	23	25¾	25½	25½	— ⅛
Balt & Ohio	271	13¾	12⅞	13¼	— ⅛
Balt & Ohio pf	108	23¾	22⅞	22⅞	— ⅝
Bangor & Ar	12	14¼	14	14	
Barber Asph	4	31¼	30⅞	30⅞	— ⅛
Barnsdall	35	16⅛	15⅞	16	+ ⅛
Bath Ir Wks	18	15¼	15	15⅛	— ⅛
Bayuk Cigars	5	34	33⅝	33⅝	— ⅛
Beatrice Cream	4	36½	36⅛	36⅛	— ⅜
Beech Aire	3	13¾	13½	13½	— ⅛
Beech-Nut Pack	7	118	118	118	— ⅛
Bell Aire	33	14½	14	14⅜	— ⅛
Bendix Aviat	9	47⅜	46⅞	47⅛	— ⅛
Bendix Hom	1	19¼	19¼	19¼	
Best Foods	14	68¾	68⅜	68⅝	— ⅛
Beth Steel	19	64⅜	63⅜	63⅝	— ⅝
Beth Steel pf	1	129	129	129	
Black & Decker	2	22¾	22⅝	22⅝	— ⅛
Blaw-Knox	15	14½	14⅛	14⅜	— ⅛
Boeig Airplane	10	18⅜	18⅛	18⅛	— ⅛
Bohn Al&Brass	2	49¾	49¾	49¾	+ ¼
Bohn Stru	3	42½	42½	42½	—1¼
Bond Strs pf	1	114¼	114¼	114¼	— ¼
Borden Co	4	33¾	33¼	33½	— ⅛
Borg-Warner	1	39⅝	39⅜	39⅜	— ⅛
Boston&Maine	21	6⅝	6⅝	6⅝	— ⅛
Bower Roll Bear	1	41½	41½	41½	— ⅛
Braniff Airw	14	19½	19¼	19¼	— ⅛
Bridgeport Brass	1	10⅜	10⅜	10⅜	+ ⅛
Briggs Mfg	15	38¾	37¾	37¾	— ⅝
Briggs & Strat	3	40⅝	40	40	— ⅛
Bklyn Un Gas	6	21	20⅞	20⅞	— ⅛
Brown Shoe	1	47½	47½	47½	— ⅛
Brunswick-Balke	1	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
Bucyrus - Erie	1	13½	13½	13½	— ⅛
Budd Mfg	20	10⅛	10¼	10¼	— ⅛
Budd Wheel	1	10	10	10	— ⅛
Bullard Co	1	19½	19½	19½	— ⅛
Bulova Watch	1	47	47	47	— ⅛
Burling Mills	3	37¾	37½	37½	— ⅛
Burr Addl Mach	14	13⅞	13⅞	13⅞	— ⅛
Bush Terminal	2	8	7⅞	7⅞	— ⅛
Butler Bros	16	14⅞	14⅝	14⅝	— ⅛
Butte Con&Zinc	7	3	3	3	
Byers A M Co	9	16⅛	16	16	— ⅛
Callahan Z-Lead	87	1⅛	1	1⅛	— ⅛
Calumet & Hec	13	7¼	7	7¼	— ⅛
Campbell Wy	3	20¾	19⅞	20¼	+ ⅛
Can Dry G Ale	9	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛	— ⅛
Canad Pacific	40	11¼	11¼	11⅜	+ ⅛
Capital Adm A	1	10¾	10¾	10¾	— ⅛
Carrier Corp	1	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	— ⅛
Carrier Cp pf	4	61	60	60	—2
Carriers & Gen	2	5⅜	5¼	5¼	
Case J I Co	6	35½	35½	35½	— ⅛
Caterpil Tractor	6	48⅜	48	48⅛	— ⅛
Celanese Corp	7	37⅛	36⅜	37	— ⅛
Celanese 1st pf	3	106	105⅜	105⅜	— ⅛
Celotex Corp	11	14⅜	14⅛	14⅛	— ⅛
Cent Aguirre	4	20	20	20	— ⅛
Cent Foundry	8	4¾	4¾	4¾	— ⅛
Cent RR N J	58	12⅜	12	12¼	+ ⅛
Century Rib M	1	11½	11½	11½	
Cerro de Pas	2	31	31	31	— ⅛
Certain-teed Pd	36	6⅜	6⅜	6⅜	— ⅛
Checker Cab	1	40¼	40¼	40¼	— ⅛
Ches Corp Va	1	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	+ ⅛
Ches & Ohio	24	50	49⅞	50	— ⅛
Chi & E Ill	22	7¼	7	7¼	— ⅛
Chi & E Ill A	8	16⅜	16⅛	16⅜	+ ⅛
Chi Grt West	58	7	6⅞	7	— ⅛
Chi Grt W pf	19	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞	— ⅛
Chi Mail Order	3	21	20⅞	20⅞	— ⅛
Chi & N W	33	25⅜	25	25⅛	— ⅛
Chi Pneu Tool	50	36½	35⅝	36⅛	— ⅛
Chi Yell Cab	1	19⅜	19⅜	19⅜	+ ⅛
Chickasha C O	2	15½	15⅜	15⅜	— ⅛
Childs Co	2	16¼	16¼	16¼	— ⅛
Chrysler Corp	15	90¼	89⅞	90	+ ⅛
Clark Equip	1	48	48	48	+ ¼
Clev Graph Br	1	44¾	44¾	44¾	— ⅛
Climax Molyb	18	34	33	33⅞	— ⅛
Cl Peabody	4	37⅛	36⅝	36⅝	— ⅛
Coca-Cola	2	134½	134	134	
Coca-Cola-Pm-P	1	35	35	35	— ⅛
Collins & Aik	4	34½	34¼	34⅜	+ ⅛
Col Fuel & Ir	33	26	25⅜	25⅝	— ⅛
Colum Br cast A	6	35⅛	35	35	— ⅛
Colum Br cast B	99	4	4	4	
Col G&E 6% pf	7	94⅝	91	91	—4
Colum Pict	1	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	— ⅛
Colum Carbon	1	97	97	97	— ⅛
Coml Credit	1	38¾	38¾	39½	+ ¼
Coml Invest Tr	24	42⅛	41¾	42⅛	+ ⅛
Coml Solvents	33	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	— ⅛
Com'wlth Edis	9	29	28¾	28¾	+ ⅛
Com & S South	189				
Com & South pf	5	94	93⅝	93⅝	— ⅛
Congoleum-Na	2	28½	28½	28½	+ ⅛
Consol Cigar	1	28½	28½	28½	— ⅛
Cons Coppermin	23	3¼	3¼	3¼	— ⅛
Cons Edison	34	24¼	24	24	— ⅛
Cons Edison pf	7	108	107½	107½	— ⅛
Consol Film Ind	4	5¼	5¼	5¼	
Cons F Ind pf	1	29½	29½	29½	— ⅛
Cons Laundries	10	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞	— ⅛
Cons Nat Gas	9	31½	31½	31½	— ⅛
Con RR Cuba pf	3	21¾	21¼	21¼	— ⅛
Cons Vultee	51	19⅜	19⅛	19⅜	— ⅛
Consol'n Coal	4	22	21½	22	+ ⅛
Container Corp	4	28¾	28½	28½	— ⅛
Cont Bak	3	8¾	8¾	8¾	
Cont Bak pf	5	111¼	108	111¼	+ ⅛
Cont Can	19	37¼	36⅝	37	— ⅛
Cont Diam Fib	3	11¾	11½	11½	— ⅛
Cont Ins	7	47¾	47	47	— ⅛
Cont Motors	23	6	5⅞	5⅞	— ⅛
Cont Oil Del	11	31⅝	31¼	31¼	— ⅛
Cont Steel	1	28½	28½	28½	—1
Copper-Bess	5	16	16	16	— ⅛
Copperweld Stl	7	12¾	12¼	12¼	— ⅛
Corn Products	5	59½	59	59	— ⅛
Cornell-Dub El	2	20	20	20	— ¼
Coty Inc	1	6	6	6	— ⅛
Coty Internat	7	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜	— ⅛
Crane Co	14	25⅜	25⅛	25⅜	— ⅛
Cream of Wh	1	24	24	24	— ⅛
Crosley Corp	6	28½	28½	28½	— ⅛
Crown Zeller	2	22	22	22	— ⅛
Crucible Steel	8	35½	34⅜	34⅜	— ⅜
Crucible Stl pf	2	88⅝	88⅛	88⅛	+ ⅛
Cuban-Am Sug	7	16¾	16½	16½	— ⅛
Cudahy Pack	1	25	25	25	— ⅛
Curtis Publishing	39	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜	— ⅛
Curtis Pub pr pf	2	60	60	60	
Curtiss-Wright	68	5⅞	5⅝	5⅝	— ⅛
Curtiss-Wr A	8	18¼	18	18	— ⅛
Cutler-Hammer	3	26⅞	26⅜	26⅜	— ⅛
Davison Chem	5	18⅝	18⅜	18⅜	— ⅛
Decca Records	1	35	35	35	
Deere & Co	8	41½	40⅝	40⅝	— ⅛
Deere & Co pf	1	36½	36½	36½	+ ⅛
Deisel-Wem-Gil	1	22	22	23	— ⅛
Del & Hudson	93	37⅜	35½	36⅜	+1⅛
Del Lack&West	339	9⅜	9	9⅜	— ⅛
Detroit Edison	12	20⅞	20⅜	20⅜	— ⅛
Diam Match	1	41½	41½	41½	+ ⅛
Diam T Motor	2	16	16	16	— ⅛
Dist Corp-Seag	5	36	35⅝	35⅝	— ⅛
Dist Corp-S pf	2	104¼	104¼	104¼	+ ⅛
Dixie Cup	1	18	18	18	
Doehler Die Cas	1	43⅛	43⅛	43⅛	— ⅛
Dome Mines	14	22¼	22¼	22¼	— ⅛
Douglas Aircraft	2	89¼	89	89	
Dow Chem	3	118	117¾	117¾	— ¼
Dow Chem pf	37	114½	113	113	— ⅝
Dresser Ind	16	54⅜	54	54½	— ⅛
Dunhill Int	2	12	12⅛	12⅛	— ⅛
Duplan Corp	1	15½	15½	15½	+ ⅛
du Pont de N	155	153¾	154	155	—1⅛
Eagle Pich Ld	8	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛	— ⅛
Eastern Air U	9	40¼	39⅜	40	
East S Sti	9	22	21⅝	22	— ⅛
Eastman Kodak	2	171	171	171	—1½
Eaton Mfg	1	50⅜	50⅜	50⅜	— ⅛
Edis Bros Strs	3	22¾	22¾	22¾	— ⅛
El Auto-Lite	5	43¾	43⅛	43¾	+ ⅛
Elec Boat	15	13½	13½	13½	— ⅛
El Power & Lt	19	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞	— ⅛
El P&L $6 pf	2	102	101½	101½	— ⅛
El P&L $7 pf	3	108½	108	108	— ⅛
El Storage Bat	2	44½	44	44½	+ ⅛
El Paso N Gas	1	34	34	34	— ⅛
Emerson El Mf	7	21	20⅜	20⅜	—1⅛
Emp Pub Serv	3	16	15⅞	16	
Equit Off Bldg	7	1½	1½	1½	
Erie RR	46	13½	13¼	13¼	— ⅛
Erie RR pf	45	19⅜	19	19⅛	— ⅛
Erie RR pf A	1	68½	68½	68½	— ⅝
Eureka V Clean	7	11⅞	11⅝	11⅞	— ⅛
Evans Products	6	16½	16¼	16½	

	Sales Add 00	High	Low	Close	Net Ch'ge
Ex-Cell-O	3	45¼	44⅜	45¼	+ ¼
Exchange Buffet	6	6⅜	6⅛	6⅛	— ⅛
Fajardo Sugar	2	24½	24½	24½	+ ⅛

Classes Formed for 'Battle of Belts' Entries

This Morning

With Shirley Povich

Those official pitching averages of the American League for 1944, released this week, make pretty drab reading for Ossie Bluege, manager of the Nats. He knows now what he was up against in his failure to get the Washington club out of eighth place. Bluege's pitching wasn't much.

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Washington pitchers gave up an average of 3.49 earned runs per game. That's not counting the runs that were unearned, kicked in by the errors of the infield, mostly. Actually, opposing clubs averaged 4.3 runs per game against the Nats. On the average day, the Nats had to score five runs to win, and Bluege didn't have that kind of a batting order.

For Johnny Niggeling, though, the figures make pretty good reading. The old fellow won only 10 and lost 8, but he deserved better. In allowing earned runs, he was the fourth most effective pitcher in the league with only Dizzy Trout, Hal Newhouser, and Tex Hughson outranking him. But Niggeling worked only once a week, in permitting an average of only 2.32 earned runs per game.

Dizzy Trout ended up as the league's most effective pitcher with an average of 2.12 runs per game. His teammate, Newhouser, had the best winning record with 29 wins against 9 defeats, but neither of those fellows might have emerged as the best if Boston's Tex Hughson had been around all season.

Before he went into the Army in midseason, Hughson worked in 28 games for the Red Sox, many in relief rolls, but he rolled up 18 wins against 5 defeats and allowed only 2.26 earned runs per game. He was the closest thing to an invincible pitcher, the league's managers agreed. Hughson simply had more stuff. He threw such a variety that his catchers ran out of signs and had to improvise when Hughson was on the mound.

What the figures do show is that Connie Mack out-foxed Clark Griffith by a laughable margin in his winter deal of Roger Wolff for Buck Newsom. Wolff won only four games for Washington, lost 19 and had an earned run figure of 4.99. Newsom won 13 games for Mack, lost 15, but had a very estimable earned run average of 2.82, tenth best in the league.

It's significant that the teams with the pitching finished one-two. The experts, whoever they may be, have long contended that pitching is from 70 to 90 pre cent of a team's strength, and the Browns and Tigers demonstrated they may have something there. The pennant-winning Browns finished on top despite the fact they were seventh in team batting.

The Browns' pitchers allowed only 3.17 earned runs per game with the Tigers' permitting 3.09. The Red Sox, who had the best batting clu bin the league got nothing because they had the worst pitching to go along with it.

The pitching performances didn't set any new records, incidentally, despite the fact that the hurlers were opposing perhaps the worst batting club in the league, got nothing because they had the worst ranks of the good hitters. It is a fact that the armed services also took a goodly number of the better pitchers and the hitters were not outclassed.

Individual honors certainly belonged to Hal Newhouser whose 29 wins lead the league. It was a surprising transformation in young Newhouser who never before had had a winning season. Last year, for the first time, he learned how to control his fast ball, and achieved the success generally predicted for him when he could learn to get the ball over the plate.

Newhouser says that when he did acquire control, it came simply. "I simply realized I didn't have to pitch my head off ever time I threw the ball," he said. "I could ease up and still have enough stuff on the ball. It took me six years to realize that I didn't have to strike out every batter I faced." Even with that realization, Newhouser led the league in strikeouts.

Another fellow earned consideration for some special distinction, however. He is Joe Heving of the Indians, the only grandpappy in the league, who was a standout among relief pitchers. Heving went into the game for the Indians 63 times, won 8 games and lost only 3, and allowed only 1.95 earned runs per game. When a relief pitcher was needed, Heving proved the handiest guy in the league to have around.

Pieces of Haight . . .

Marietta Park, D. C.

Dear Boss:

Just a few lines from your 250 pounds of honest endeavor. You know, I was thinking Boss, that I'm getting a little tired of covering racing. Now don't get me wront. I like the horse people and I like the horses, but the thought has come to me that I'm getting a bit fed up after all these years, I'm weary of working my bankroll to the bone at Pimlico, Laurel and Charles Town and that climb to the pressbox is getting tougher every year.

HAIGHT

I don't want to appear unappreciative, either. You and racing have been kind to me. You have sent me to 11 Kentucky Darbies in a row, 4 Santa Anita Handicaps and a half dozen Widener Handicaps and I'm mindful of the fact that you always gave me two or three hundred bucks betting money every time I left town.

But I was thinking, you have several up-and-coming young writers in the Sports Department who could fill my shoes, if not my trousers. I believe they are as well qualified now as I was when you first gave me the assignment. I worked my way from an amateur sucker to a professionel sucker, if you know what I mean.

Perhaps I wouldn't fit into a new job right off the bat, but you might take me off racing for, say, six months or a year. I would prefer to try something with a future in it like writing bridge, crossword puzzles, stamps or you might make me the male Mary Hayworth.

'So much for that.

Well, Boss, Christmas was big with the Haights, although much of the usual kid flavor was missing. Our model son, once Mack Truck model, has been whittled down by the paratroopers to a mere chassis with a big engine up front and he's away. Our darling daughter was old enough to demand clothes and she came down Christmas morning looking for her Chesterfield coat while I was looking in the wastebasket for a Chesterfield butt.

Relatives and friends came in with packages and left with a load on. I tried to make a one-side-of-the-turkey affair out of dinner and ended up with a pale soup carcass. After dinner we sang songs and I crooned my version of "Don't Fence Me In." Our darling daughter piped up with "Don't be rdiiculous. Pop. With the priorities on lumber, nobody is going to try to fence you in."

Everything considered it was not a half bad Christmas. But I did miss toys—in more ways than one.. I used to enjoy puting them together on Christmas eve and then playing with them. Like the time I tried to set up my boy's streamline electric train with remote control and an automatic whistle. I finally succeeded at 7:02 a. m. Christmas morning with the aid of four Post electricians, five sportswriters, a floorwalker from Hecht's, three radio commentators, two plumbers, three brothers-in-law, our milkman and two strangers known as Scotch and Rye.

When the whistle finally blew we all started cheering and waving our hats as if we had just driven the last spike on the first trans-continnental railroad. But that's another story.

As I was saying, I miss the toys. The closest thing we had to one was a ouija board presented to our darling daughter. After some persuading she agreed to try it with me. We put ours hands on the gadget that slides around and consentrated on the question, "Who is the popular man today."

Of course he answer was Santa Clause.. But don't you know, Boss, that darned thing kept spelling out L. W. Harper.

As ever,
POUNDS HAIGHT.

P. S.—Boss, if it's just the same to you I want to start that new job January 4.

Docdonough Wins Feature At Tropical

Tropical Park, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP).—Doc Donough, an almost overlooked gelding from the C. T. Chenery barn provided a big thrill for a comparative few in the crowd of 5543 here today when he won the featured Black River Purse and paid $219.20 straight, longest price of the Florida winter season.

Giving veteran Jockey Sterling Young a double, Doc Donough defeated Greentree's Broad Grin—the seventh straight losing favorite on the card—by a head, running the mile and a sixteenth in 1:43 4-5. Albuldo, used up racing Silver Plate into early defeat, missed the place by another head.

Of the $34,818 wagered in the straight pool, only $270 showed for Doc Donough, which was snapping loose from an extended losing streak.

Broad Grin Finishes Second

Doc Donough raced in the middle of the bunch most of the way, ate up the ground with every stride in the stretch and barely scored over the slow staring Broad Grin.

Once again bulky fields were the rule, 11 horses comprising the smallest one on this sceond of the eight-day curtailed meeting, with more rushes through the entry box for tomorrow.

One owner, at least, showed optimism today. Mrs. Tilyou Christopher, one of a Miami automobile-dealing family and whose silks were made famous by the star sprinter Doubirab, actually claimed a horse for $2,500. Mrs. Christopher took the juvenile filly Valetta out of the fourth race, the first claim of the meeting.

Smoke Puff Pays $154.70

Sterling Young, who is president of the Jockey's Guild, was not content with scoring a double on the long-priced DocDonough in the headliner. He wound up his day's work by earning a triple on another "eagle-bird" in the eighth event—Smoke Puff, at $154.70 for two, also in a photo finish. Like DocDonough, Smoke Puff did his real running in the stretch, nipping Assailant by a nose. Darby Dimcut was third, a length behind.

The day's play was $432,631.

D. C. Boy Places Fourth In All-Alaska Boxing

Headquarters Alaskan Department (Delayed).—S2/c Austin O. Taylor of 640 Norton pl. nw., Washington, D. C., placed fourth in the All-Alaska boxing championships at Fort Richardson on December 2.

Taylor reache dthe semi-finals by winning the bantamweight title at APO 726 and then working his way to the finals of the Aleutian semi-final tournament last month. Taylor boxed as an amateur in Washington a sa member of the YMCA and Apollo AC teams.

The "One-Two" Punch

Tigers' Newhouser, Trout Excel in A. L. Pitching

By Jimmy Jordan

Chicago, Dec. 26 (AP).—It's probably no surprise to baseball followers, but the official word is out that those two Detroit hurlers who literally tossed the Tigers to within one game of a world series berth also took most of the American League's hurling honors for 1944.

Official records released by the league show that Paul H. (Dizzy) Trout and Harold (Hal) Newhouser not only were the only pitchers of the junior circuit to win more than 20 games, but they ran one-two in the all-important earned-run averages, and in strikeouts.

TROUT

NEWHOUSER

And between the two of them they won 56 games in their futile attempt to edge out the St. Louis Browns for the title—more than any pair of pitchers on one team had won since 1904, when John D Chesbro and John Powell of New York turned in 64 victories in 1904.

Newhouser Won 29

Although neither led the league in percentages in the won-lost columns of the final standings, Newhouser won 29 games and lost nine, and Trout won 27 and lost 14. Nelson Potter of the Browns, who won 19 and lost seven, was the only other pitcher to near the 20-game mark in wins.

Trout, who worked 352 innings, more than any other pitcher in the league, came through with the remarkable earned run average of 2.12 for top spot in this department. Newhouser was 10 points behind with 2.22, four points ahead of Boston's Cecil (Tex) Hughson, who had 2.26 while winning 18 and losing five.

Hughson's won-lost percentage, .783, topped the league. He left the Red Sox to enter the armed servcie in August.

Newhouser led the league in strikeouts with 187, and Trout was second with 144. Louis (Buck) Newsom of Philadelphia was third with 142.

Trout allowed the most hits for the season, 314, but he also faced the most batters, 1323. Bill Dietrich of Chicago gave up the most runs, 132, as he won 16 and lost 17 for the White Sox.

Altogether only 16 hurlers working in 45 or more innings wound up with an earned run average under three. Last year, 29 were under that mark.

For the fourth straight season, and for the 22d time in league history, there was not a single no-hit game on the records. Jack Kramer of St. Louis turned in a one-hit performance, and there were 12 two-hit jobs.

Stay on War Jobs, Says Sugar Bowl Group

New Orleans, Dec. 26 (AP).—The New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association, sponsor of the Sugar Bowl classic and generally a plugger for "sellout" game crowds, today urged war workers to stay on their jobs on New Year's Day and to "keep war essentials rolling to the fighting fronts."

D. C. Coaches Offer Free Instruction

By Al Costello
Post Staff Writer

So you want to be a boxer?

The Metropolitan Amateur Boxers' Coaches Association, which is now working hand in hand with The Washington Post and the District of Columbia AAU preparing for the city's most important amateur boxing event of the year, The Washington Post-D. C. AAU Battle of Belts starting January 18 at Turner's Arena, comes forward with a gigantic plan offering every youngster in and around Washington a chance to learn the manly art of self-defense—free!

There is no catch or red tape to the offer. All a youngster has to do is present himself at any one of the boys' clubs or gyms operated by any member of the MABCA and he will be given capably supervised instructions. He does not even need equipment, which will be loaned him by the various clubs and coaches.

Thorough Exam Given

And if any youngster shows enough aptitude and desire he will be entered into the Battle of Belts Tournament and be given a chance to demonstrate his ability in actual competition.

Each youngster will be given a thorough physical examination before he even receives instructions. Each youngster, if he cannot produce a certificate of fitness from his family physician, will be sent to the Jewish Community Center, where the AAU, through Edward Rosenblum, director of the JCC, will have one of the Center's staff of physicians give him a complete physical and a certificate vouching for his fitness to receive instructions.

These certificates will be filed with the various coaches and clubs where the youngster trains. Additional examinations will be given each lad before he steps into the competitive ring. Every means of protecting the youth's physical well-being thus will be thoroughly guarded. This plan, Rosenblum told AAU officials at their last meeting, has been working successfully at the Jewish Community Center since its organization.

Plan of Interest to Parents

Thus, in these war days that stress physical fitness for the well being of the country, the coaches' association has taken a most progressive step toward furthering amateur boxing and for protection of the boxers—one of the many outgrowths and benefits local boxers will receive as the result of The Post, the local AAU and the coaches' association banding together for the mutual benefit of amateur boxing.

To parents, this plan of the MABCA is of especial interest. Your youngster can be taught boxing under capable medical and coaching supervision without a penny's cost, and it never hurt a boy to know how to protect himself. Ask Johnny Doughboy.

Following are a list of the various clubs and coaches to whom any youngster may report. You need nothing except the desire to learn to box. More clubs and coaches will be added to the list as soon as further arrangements are made.

Apollo A. C.
645 H st. ne.
Billy Blake, coach.

Liberty Amateur Boxing Club
419 9th st. nw.
Lew Hanbury, sr., coach.

Merrick Boys Club
608 Massachusetts ave. ne.
Lou Jamison, coach.

Pete's Southwest A. C.
472 N st. sw.
John Kennett, coach.

St. Mary's Boys' Club
418 Duke st.
Alexandria, Va.
Naiman Massey, coach.

Boys' Club of Washington
Georgetown Branch
2726 M st. nw.
Joe Brown, coach.

Cuba May Ban Race Horses From States

Havana, Dec. 26 (AP).—Cuban sports circles concluded today there was little chance that Havana's Oriental Park would fall heir to any of Florida's racing glamor, now that the trackks are closing in the United States, at official request, to save manpower and transportation.

There are no governmental regulations banning the shipment of horses from the U. S. to Cuba, but official circles suggested that they would be imposed quickly by Cuba, the United States, or both, if attempts were made to transfer Florida runners here.

Transportation is heavily restricted, and it would be difficult to obtain suitable berths for quality racers. Cuba is served almost exclusively by small craft, barges and one railway ferry.

As it is, Cuba has run through a series of food crises because of a shortage of shipping space to bring rice, flour, eggs and other sorely needed commodities to the capital.

Race fans, too, would have difficulty getting to Cuba. Plane passage usually is available, but the State Department could prevent any great exodus from Florida by withholding passports. Before the war passage was unrestricted, but passports and visas now are required for all travelers.

There is little in present Cuba racing to attract the big stables. The meeting lasts most of the year, but the track operates only Thursdays Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and no change is contemplated. The purses are small—the inaugural purse last Saturday amounting to only $600.

Many Leading Jockeys Plan To Exercise Horses for Living

Miami, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP).—Some of our leading jockeys plan to ride out the racing ban on horses' backs—galloping the thoroughbreds for the exercise.

"What good could I do in a war plant?" demanded Bobby Permane, who seemed to put into words the thoughts of most of the riders who came to Miami for the Florida season, only to run into a Government request for a racing shutdown January 3.

"All I know is racing," continued Permane, the most successful of the younger jockeys. "There isn't anything that I know how to do in a factory.

"By the time they could train me, the emergency would be over and I would return to racing. It would be a waste of time for the war plant."

Don Meade apparently was the only big-time jockey who plans to go to Mexico City, where the horses still will be running.

"I'll stay around Miami until April, galloping horses," said Ted Atkinson, the 1944 riding champion.

"I don't have any definite plans, except any that they might make for me. I'll take a much-needed rest, do a little fishing and ride some to keep in shape."

Eddie Arcaro, who, like Atkinson, has a home in Miami, will await orders from the Greentree Stable, for which he is a contract rider.

"I'll play golf—that keeps your legs strong—and do some galloping in Miami," Arcaro said. "They may call me into the Greentree farm to help with the horses there."

Conn McCreary, another jockey with a Miami home, said he will rest until something develops.

Feed bills are the big worry now for Alf Robertson, the former riding great who now is a horse owner and trainer.

"I might have to rent my house to a Navy family and use the money to keep up my horses," Robertson said.

"Otherwise, I don't know what I'll do. It costs a lot of money to keep a race horse in hay and oats."

Ottumwa Coach, Star Transferred

Ottuma, Iowa, Dec. 26 (AP).—Lieut. James R. (Jimmy) Kitts, coach of the Ottumwa Naval Air Station football team, and Bob Stenuber, former Missouri grid great, have been transferred from the base to duty elsewhere, it was announced today.

Lieutenant Kitts, former Rice and Virginia Polytechnical Institute grid mentor and one of the original officers reporting at Ottumwa, was detached for duty in the Pacific after more than 2 years at the air station. He served as physical training officer.

Steuber completed his primary cadet training and has been transferred to the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas., for further aviation training.

3 Quintets Tied For Service Lead

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26 (AP).—Three teams—Camp Lee, Camp Patrick Henry and Norfolk Army Air Field—are tied for the lead in the Virginia Servicemen's Athletic Conference with four victories against one defeat.

This week's schedule shows Cheatham Annex at Richmond, AAD Thursday and Norfolk Navy Yard at Camp Peary Friday.

LEAGUE STANDINGS	W.	L.
Camp Lee	4	1
Camp Patrick Henry	4	1
Norfolk Army Air Field	4	1
Norfolk Navy Yard	3	2
Langley Field	2	2
Richmond AAB	2	3
Norfolk Army Base	0	3
Fort Monroe	0	3
Richmond NTS	0	3
McGuire Hospital	0	3

Three Greats in a Row

Walter Camp named Penn State grid greats to his All-America three years in a roy (1919-20-21).

Pitt Named Head Of Md. Golf Unit

Baltimore, Dec. 26 (AP).—Harry G. Pitt of the Manor Country Club has been nominated as president of the Maryland State Golf Association for 1945. Nomination is tantamount to election, but the annual meeting will be held January 16, at the Sulgrave Club, Washington.

Other officers nominated are: First vice president, treasurer, Joseph D. Hosjelhorn, ountry Club of Maryland; vice presidents, Washington, John O. Bergelin, Percy W. DeLuc, Frank E. Mirth; Baltimore, A. Herman Stump, Walter C. Hopkins; Western Maryland, Charles S. Catherman, Cumberland Country Club; general counsel, Albert E. Stelnem, Woodmont Country Club; secretary, Emmet Gary, Hillendale Country Club.

His 16th Season

Bob Higgins, who'll direct football at Penn State for the sixteenth straight year in 1945, has been head coach longer than any of his nine predecessors.

Vanderbilt Books Alabama Griders

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 26 (AP).—Vanderbilt University has scheduled a football game with the University of Alabama here next November 17, Coach Doby Bartling announced today.

Bartling said home games are scheduled with Mississippi October 6 and with Kentucky October 20 and games with Florida at Gainesville October 13, LSU at Baton Rouge October 27, and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville December 1.

In addition, he said, the Commodores, returning to fromal football next fall, are considering games with Virginia Military Institute, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and the University of Chattanooga.

UnBeaten Three Years

Bill Hollenback, Penn star of yesteryear, coached undefeated football teams at Penn State in 1909, 1911 and 1912.

Official American League Pitching Averages

CLUB PITCHING RECORDS

	I.P.	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	BK	CG	ER. AVG. Per G
Detroit	1400	5342	1373	581	480	88	452	568	22	20	5	87	3.09
St. Louis	1397	5379	1392	587	492	98	469	581	12	18	3	71	3.17
Philadelphia	1398	5339	1345	594	492	100	390	541	21	30	7	72	3.16
New York	1390	5264	1351	617	523	111	532	529	13	30	3	78	3.39
Washington	1381	5331	1410	684	536	109	475	503	24	29	3	83	3.49
Chicago	1391	5338	1411	662	553	127	420	461	20	36	4	64	3.58
Cleveland	1410	5397	1428	677	574	140	421	524	28	50	4	65	3.67
Boston	1394	5348	1404	676	592	84	392	524	23	38	5	58	3.82
Totals	11170	42739	11114	5058	4258	827	3951	4244	173	211	29	561	3.43

PITCHERS IN 45 OR MORE INNINGS RATED ACCORDING TO EARNED RUN AVERAGE PER NINE-INNING GAME

E.R. Rat.	Name and Club	Throws	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HB	WP	E.R. Avg.
1.	Heving, Joseph W., Cleveland	R	63	8	3	.727	120	443	106	42	26	41	48	2	1	1.95
2.	Berry, Jonas A., Philadelphia	R	53	10	8	.556	111	407	78	32	24	32	44	2	1	1.95
3.	Trout, Paul H., Detroit	R	49	27	14	.659	352	1323	314	104	83	83	144	4	2	2.12
4.	Newhouser, Harold, Detroit	L	47	29	9	.763	312	1150	264	94	77	102	187	1	4	2.22
5.	Hughson, Cecil C., Boston	R	28	18	5	.783	203	763	172	57	51	41	112	4	4	2.26
6.	Niggeling, John A., Washington	R	24	10	8	.556	206	743	164	65	53	58	121	4	5	2.32
7.	Caster, George J., St. Louis	R	42	6	6	.500	81	320	91	37	23	33	46	0	0	2.44
8.	Kramer, John H., St. Louis	R	33	17	13	.567	257	965	233	94	71	75	124	1	2	2.49
9.	Gromek, Stephen J., Cleveland	R	35	10	9	.526	204	731	160	74	58	70	115	6	2	2.56
10.	Haynes, Joseph W., Chicago	R	43	5	6	.455	194	682	148	55	54	43	44	0	3	2.57
11.	Borowy, Henry L., New York	R	35	17	12	.586	253	948	224	93	74	88	107	0	5	2.63
12.	Newsom, Louis N., Philadelphia	R	37	13	15	.464	265	995	243	100	83	82	142	4	8	2.82
13.	Potter, Nelson T., St. Louis	R	32	19	7	.731	225	808	211	79	70	77	83	1	3	2.80
14.	Christopher, Russell O., Philadelphia	R	35	14	14	.500	315	816	200	91	71	83	84	9	5	2.97
15.	Maltsberger, Gordon R., Chicago	R	46	10	5	.667	91	344	81	31	30	19	49	1	1	2.97
16.	Bonham, Ernest E., New York	R	26	13	9	.571	214	836	228	84	71	41	54	0	2	2.99
17.	Lee, Thornton S., Chicago	R	19	3	7	.300	113	436	105	51	38	34	30	1	1	3.03
18.	Haefner, Milton A., Washington	L	31	12	15	.444	228	880	221	94	77	71	86	4	0	3.04
19.	Overmire, Frank, Detroit	L	32	11	11	.500	200	790	214	84	68	41	57	2	2	3.06
20.	Leonard, Emil J., Washington	R	32	14	14	.500	229	852	223	97	78	37	63	3	0	3.07
21.	Muncrief, Robert C., St. Louis	R	33	13	8	.619	219	827	218	83	75	50	80	3	3	3.08
22.	Galehouse, Dennis W., St. Louis	R	24	9	10	.474	153	610	162	64	53	44	40	1	0	3.12
23.	Lopat, Edmund W., Chicago	L	27	11	10	.524	210	820	217	96	76	39	75	2	2	3.26
24.	Woods, George R., Boston	R	38	4	8	.333	171	642	171	73	62	38	76	6	3	3.26
25.	Queen, Melvin J., New York	R	10	6	3	.667	82	336	93	32	30	24	30	1	1	3.29
26.	Reynolds, Allie P., Cleveland	R	28	11	8	.579	158	587	141	63	58	91	84	4	4	3.30
27.	Harris, C. Luman, Philadelphia	R	23	10	9	.526	174	686	193	70	64	36	33	0	6	3.31
28.	Byrd, Dominic J., Boston	R	42	13	7	.650	158	611	157	61	58	41	39	0	1	3.30
29.	Donald, R. Atley, New York	R	30	13	10	.565	218	873	173	77	59	59	48	2	3	3.34
30.	Dubiel, Walter J., New York	R	30	13	13	.500	232	876	217	93	87	86	79	1	1	3.38
31.	Wynn, Early, Washington	R	33	8	17	.320	208	799	221	97	78	67	65	2	2	3.38
32.	Fleming, Gene S., Philadelphia	L	45	6	15	.286	195	705	178	79	74	49	55	4	2	3.42
33.	Killeman, Edward F., Cleveland	R	47	11	13	.458	178	676	185	73	67	70	44	7	2	3.39
34.	Smith, Alfred J., Cleveland	L	28	7	13	.350	182	704	197	83	69	69	44	3	4	3.41
35.	Haunanson, Clemens R., Boston	R	32	4	7	.364	137	523	139	55	52	49	43	3	1	3.43
36.	Carrasquel, Alejandro, Washington	R	43	8	7	.533	134	523	143	68	51	30	35	3	4	3.43
37.	Jakucki, Sigmund J., St. Louis	R	35	13	9	.591	198	787	211	89	78	54	67	3	1	3.85
38.	Dietrich, William J., Chicago	R	36	16	17	.485	246	964	269	132	99	68	70	2	2	3.62
39.	Humphries, John W., Chicago	R	38	8	10	.444	169	637	170	75	69	37	43	4	3	3.70
40.	Barrett, Francis J., Boston	R	38	8	7	.533	90	343	92	45	37	42	40	1	4	3.70
41.	Grove, L. Orval, Chicago	R	34	14	15	.483	235	902	237	112	97	71	105	8	2	3.71
42.	Harder, Melvin L., Cleveland	R	30	12	10	.545	190	730	211	85	81	69	54	2	2	3.72
43.	Hamlin, Luke D., Philadelphia	R	29	5	12	.333	190	753	204	94	79	38	58	3	4	3.74
44.	Roser, Emerson C., New York	R	16	4	3	.571	84	313	80	39	36	34	34	0	3	3.86
45.	Bow, Walter W., Detroit	R	28	1	3	.333	74	276	67	38	32	27	25	3	1	3.89
46.	Dreisewerd, Clement J., Boston	L	7	2	4	.333	49	194	52	32	22	9	9	0	0	4.04
47.	Black, Donald F., Philadelphia	R	29	10	12	.455	177	684	177	94	80	75	78	4	2	4.07
48.	Gorsica, John J., Detroit	R	34	6	14	.300	163	648	192	88	74	32	47	4	1	4.11
49.	Candini, Milo, Washington	R	28	8	7	.462	102	388	110	53	47	48	31	1	0	4.11
50.	Shirley, Alvis N., St. Louis	R	23	5	4	.556	80	291	80	35	27	31	35	1	0	4.16
51.	Terry, Yank, Boston	R	27	6	10	.375	133	514	142	72	62	45	30	3	2	4.20
52.	Zuber, William H., New York	R	22	5	7	.417	107	396	101	54	50	34	39	1	2	4.21
53.	Gentry, J. Raiffe, Detroit	R	37	12	14	.462	204	774	211	104	96	103	68	2	4	4.24
54.	Bagby, James C. jr., Cleveland	L	13	4	5	.444	78	324	101	48	38	34	12	1	1	4.33
55.	Hollingsworth, Albert N., St. Louis	L	36	5	7	.417	93	371	108	51	46	37	22	1	4	4.45
56.	LeFebvre, Wilfrid R., Washington	L	34	2	4	.333	76	282	86	48	39	31	18	1	1	4.50
57.	Page, Joseph F., New York	L	19	5	7	.417	103	387	100	53	52	31	61	3	0	4.54
58.	Calvert, L. Paul, Cleveland	R	35	1	3	.250	77	308	89	48	39	38	31	0	3	4.56
59.	O'Neill, Emmett, Boston	R	28	6	11	.353	152	581	154	88	78	89	68	3	3	4.62
60.	Wade, Jacob F., Chicago	L	19	2	4	.333	75	287	78	48	40	41	32	2	2	4.80
61.	Bowman, Joseph E., Boston	L	26	12	8	.600	168	651	175	95	90	64	53	0	3	4.82
62.	Wolff, Roger F., Washington	R	33	4	15	.211	155	630	186	107	86	60	73	6	4	4.99
63.	Kennedy, L. Vernon, Cleveland	R	12	2	5	.286	59	228	66	36	33	37	17	0	4	5.03
64.	Post, Raymond W., Cleveland	R	36	4	8	.333	81	310	82	50	46	37	40	1	0	5.11
65.	Cecil, Rex R., Boston	L	11	4	5	.444	61	252	72	44	35	33	23	1	0	5.16
66.	Ross, Lee R., Chicago	R	20	2	7	.222	90	346	97	56	52	35	20	2	3	5.20

Ties—Woods, 2; Barrett, Flores, Gromek, Newhouser, Trout, Berry, 1 each.
Balks—Newhouser, Kramer, 2 each; Woods, Hughson, Potter, Christopher, Haefner, Leonard, Overmire, Dubiel, Ryba, Humphries, Dietrich, Carrasquel, Gorsica, Post, Wade, O'Neill, 1 each.

PITCHERS IN LESS THAN 45 INNINGS RATED ACCORDING TO PERCENTAGE OF GAMES WON AND LOST

Name and Club	Throws	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	AB	H	R	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP
Sundra, Stephen R., St. Louis	R	3	2	0	1.000	19	71	15	3	3	0	4	1	0	0
Sevens, Floyd C., New York	R	6	4	1	.800	44	161	44	18	13	5	13	16	1	0
Orrell, Forrest G., Detroit	R	10	2	1	.667	22	91	26	13	6	1	11	10	1	2
Turner, James R., New York	R	35	4	4	.500	42	159	42	23	16	8	22	13	0	0
Judd, T. W. Oscar, Boston	L	9	1	1	.500	30	115	30	16	12	2	15	9	0	0
Henry, Earl C., Cleveland	L	2	1	1	.500	18	67	18	9	9	1	13	3	0	0
Kleinz, Harold J., Cleveland	L	11	1	2	.333	41	153	38	20	26	0	26	13	0	1
Johnson, Victor, Boston	L	7	0	3	.000	27	116	42	22	19	4	15	7	0	1
Johnson, John C., New York	L	22	0	2	.000	27	103	25	14	12	6	24	11	1	0
Ortiz, Olivrie, Washington	R	3	0	2	.000	13	51	15	9	8	1	4	2	0	0
Wheaton, Elwood P., Philadelphia	R	11	0	1	.000	38	141	36	17	15	4	20	15	1	1
Gillespie, Robert W., Detroit	R	7	0	1	.000	11	36	7	8	8	1	12	4	0	2
Curtis, Vernon E., Washington	R	3	0	1	.000	10	34	8	3	3	0	3	2	0	0
Wood, Joseph F. jr., Boston	R	3	0	1	.000	10	41	13	8	8	0	5	3	0	1
Bonness, William J., Cleveland	L	2	0	1	.000	7	30	11	6	6	0	5	1	0	0
Embree, Charles W., Cleveland	R	3	0	1

Leaders Named for Arlington 'Mile of Dimes' Campaign

Arlington will hold its annual President's Birthday Ball, to raise funds to stamp out infantile paralysis, at the Washington Golf and Country Club on January 30, according to an announcement yesterday by Mrs. Laura T. Boldin, president of the Arlington County Chapter, and chairman of the annual fund drive for the Mile of Dimes and the ball for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation Fund.

Appointment of two drive chairmen also was announced yesterday by Mrs. Boldin, who stated Ray Weaver ,commander of Arlington Post, No. 139, American Legion, will serve as chairman of the Mile of Dimes fund, while Mrs. Ruby Simpson will be chairman of the Woman's Division of the drive.

The Arlington drive will open on January 15, and continue through January 31.

Police Fund Aided

The Arlington County Police Department received several contributions to the police beneficiary fund as "Christmas gifts," it was

The fund, use dto provide a $300 death benefit for members of the force, also finances police hospitallearned yesterday.

ization of $5 pe rday for 15 days, and may be used for emergency loans for policemen who may borrow up to $200 without interest, if they are in need.

While the fund is constantly replenished through membership fees of . 6 per year, per policeman, it wa sigve na further boost with the following contributions received during the Christmas holidays:

Mace Properties, Inc., $25; Army-Navy Country Club, $25; Paul M. Twyne, $10, and Mrs. Mary B. Kerwin, $5.

Blood Plan Changed

Furnace trouble at the Clarendon First Baptist Church has necessitated a change in the scheduled visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Unit on Thursday, according to an announcement by the Arlington County Chapter, American Red Cross.

The unit will meet instead at the Arlington Health Department Building, North Edison st., it was announced. There will be no change in the hours of donation. Red Cross Motor Corps trucks will be at the church to transport donors to and from the health department building.

War Memorial Planned

Consideration of a proposed war memorial building will feature the meeting tonight of the Arlington Post, American Legion.

The project, which would provide a center for community and child welfare activities of veterans' organizations and service clubs, will be favorably reported by the executvie committee of the post, it was said.

Michigan Home Of Puffpaffs

Making their home in Mount Pleasant, Mich., are Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Puffpaff, who were married recently at the Methodist Church in that city.

The bride is the former Miss Marian L. Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Burke, Stroudsburg, Pa., and this city. Mr. Puffpaff is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Puffpaff, Mount Pleasant.

The bride is a graduate of Rider College, Trenton, N. J., and before her marriage was with the WPB here. For her wedding attire she chose a street length frock of aqua velvet with matching hat and wore a corsage of orchids. Mrs. Clifton Balcolm, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor, wearing cadet blue with matching hat. Her corsage was of yellow rosebuds.

Mr. Balcolm was best man and ushering were Stanley Gruss and William Koel.

Son's Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John William Menefee have announced the birth of a son December 19 at Doctor's Hospital. Mr. Menefee is a member of the Textiles Division, WPB, and he and his family make their home at the General Scott Apartments.

What's Going On And Where

Entertainment for Service Men and Women

Victory Canteen for Servicemen, 1113 Pennsylvania ave. nw., 10 a. m.

Army-Navy Masonic Servicemen's Center, 13th and New York ave. nw., 1 p. m.

Servicemen's Ticket Booth, E st. and Pennsylvania ave. nw., 4 to 8:30 p. m.

Pepsi-Cola Canteen for Servicemen of the showers and lounge, all day.

U. S. O., 1911 H st. nw., square dancing, 8:30 p. m

U. S. O., 1529 16th st. nw., swimming from 5:15 to 10:15 p. m.

U. S. O., 1911 H st. nw., language classes: Conversational Russian, 8 p. m.; Polish, 8:30 p. m.

U. S. O., 801 Market Space nw., bingo, 8 p. m. Prizes and refreshments.

Banneker Service Club, 2500 Georgia ave., dance, 8 p. m.

Masonic Service Center, 13th and New York ave., dance, 8 p. m.

Stage Door Canteen, Belasco Theater, dancing from 7:30 p. m.

Luncheons and Meetings

Rotary, New Year's meeting, Willard Hotel, 12:30 p. m.

Carpenters' Meeting, Hotel Annapolis, 8 p. m.

American Statistical Association, Willard Hotel, 12:30 p. m.

Lambda Chi Sorority dance, Hotel Statler, 10 p. m.

Curtsy Line Flourishes; Oldsters in Background

Situation's Well in Hand—for Debs

Harris & Ewing

MISS JOAN BEAUREGARD
. . . Is Honored at Dinner Dance

David Finleys Plan Dinner and Dancing For Miss Beauregard

By Peggy Preston

This is definitely a week for debs and subdebs. The 16- to 20-year-olds have the situation well in hand, thank you, and the oldsters, quite properly have temporarily retired from the social scene.

Today the whirl will continue fast and furiously with a dozen or more debutantes scheduled to be feted. High on today's list of parties is the dinner, followed by dancing, which Mr. and Mrs. David Finley will give for Miss John Beauregard at the 1925 F Street Club.

Except for a small group of relatives and family friends, the party will be confined entirely to young people, including a number of the debutante's friends from Foxcroft School and Byrn Mawr College, where she is now a student.

Miss Beauregard, who makes her home with her guardians, Mr. and Mrs. Finley, in Washington, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Toutant Beauregard of New Orleans and the great-granddaughter of General Beauregard of Confederate Army fame. Her mother was Miss Mildred Green of Warrenton and Washington.

Gives Annual Dance

Highlighting yesterday's calendar was Mrs. Lloyd Parker Shippen's annual Christmas subdeb dance at the Washington Club; the coming-out tea given by Dr. and Mrs. J. Ogle Warfield, jr., for their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Baldwin Warfield, and their niece, Miss Diana Barclay; and the luncheons given for Miss Hope Erwin and Miss Virginia Summerlin.

More than 300 guests thronged the ballroom at the Washington Club, many coming on from small dinners given by parents at home. The Danish Minister and Mme. de Kauffmann were hosts at such a party for their 16-year-old daughter, Tilda, and Mme. de Kauffmann accompanied her guests to the dance, where she received along with Mrs. Charles Carroll Morgan.

Janet Bouvier Feted

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss had a group of young people in for dinner before the dance. Honor guest was the latter's daughter, Miss Janet Bouvier, home from Miss Porter's School. And still others giving dinners for their children were Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Fletcher, jr., and Comdr. and Mrs. Richard L. Farrelly.

Christmas holly and evergreens made the home of Dr. and Mrs. Warfield festive for the tea that introduced their daughter and niece to approximately 200 guests.

Miss Warfield, who is a student at Wellesley, received, wearing a black and white taffeta afternoon frock and her mother was costumed in wine velvet. Miss Barclay, daughter of Mrs. George G. Barclay and the late Lieutenant Barclay, USN, Cynwyd, Pa., selected red taffeta which set off her blond hair to good advantage. All wore corsages of gardenias.

Miss Fritchman Assists

Assisting in the dining room were Miss Virginia Fritchman, Miss Barbara Green, Miss Corinne Heurich and Mrs. Lomax Wells.

Among the debutante luncheons was the one given for Miss Hope Delos A. Blodgett, at her residence. Erwin by her grandmother, Mrs. Guests included school and college friends of Miss Erwin who is attending Vassar College this year.

Mrs. George Mesta Expected This Week After Yule Visit With Boston Relatives

Mrs. George Mesta will return to the Sulgrave Club this week after spending the Christmas holidays in Boston with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyson, and her niece, Miss Betty Tyson, a student at Westlake School for Girls in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Tyson gave a large subdebutante dance at the Chilton Club in Boston for their daughter, who will make her formal debut early next summer at her parent's home, Beach Mound, in Newport, R. I. Mrs. Mesta will give a dance for her at the Sulgrave Club following her Newport debut.

Betty, a pretty blonde, with blue eyes and charm inherited from her mother and aunt, is an accomplished linguist. She attended school in Briallmont, Lausanne, Switzerland, and Miss Winsor's School in Boston before entering Westlake School, from which she will be graduated in the spring.

A classmate of hers is Shirley Temple, the young movie star, with whom she enjoys the life of the subdeb set of Beverly Hills. Before returning to California, Miss Tyson will spend some time as the guest of her former schoolmate, Miss Helen Byrd, daughter of Admiral and Mrs. Richard E. Byrd.

Tea Arranged By Democrats For Britons

The Women's National Democratic Club will entertain at tea at the clubhouse on New Hampshire ave, tomorrow from 5 to 7 p. m., when members of the British Services Club and their wives will be guests of honor. Air Vice Marshal R. P. Willock, president of the British officers group, and Mrs. Willock will head the list.

Mrs. William Clayton, wife of the newly appointed Assistant Secretary of State, and president of the Women's National Democratic Club, will receive. She will be assisted by Mrs. Wayne Chatfield Taylor and Mrs. South Trimble, jr.

Alternating at the tea table will be Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, Mrs. Wilbur Hubbard, Mrs. Curtis Shears, Mrs. William Davis, Mrs. Edward B. Meigs, Mrs. Loren Johnson, Mrs. Samuel Herrick and Mrs. Paul V. McNutt.

A group of young daughters of the hostesses will also assist throughout the afternoon.

Movie Party Set By Hadassah Unit

The Washington Chapter of Hadassah is holding a children's Chanukah movie party at the Apex Theater, 4813 Massachusetts ave. today at 10:30 a.m. A dramatization of the story of Chanukah by Mrs. David Kushner and a movie depicting child welfare work in Palestine will precede an all-comedy program.

According to the cochairmen, Mrs. Leo M. Bernstein and Mrs. Sidney Kolker, proceeds will go to the child welfare fund of Hadassah.

Curley Club Will Meet

The Curley Club will hold its regular meeting tomorrow evening at Christ Child House, 608 Massachusetts ave. ne. Open house will be held for members and their friends. Miss Gertrude Connor is chairman of the arrangements committee and is planning a special Christmas program.

Mary Haworth's Mail

Girl Hastily Married Brother's Friend, A Fine Boy, to Hide Hurt When Long-Time Sweetheart Jilted Her; Now She's Sorry

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: From early childhood I was associated with a boy,—I shall call him David,—first as a playmate, then as friend, and finally as sweethearts. When war was declared, David was drafted, and while we never announced our engagement, it was understood that we were to be married. At this time, I was in college, and working evenings, and didn't have much time for correspondence, even with David, whom I loved very much.

David was overseas for two years and I wrote him as often as I could. Finally I had a letter from him saying he would be back in the States soon. I was overjoyed and looked forward to early marriage. He was back in this country for a month before I heard from him again; and then he told me he was in love with a school teacher he had met; and that he could never forgive me for writing so seldom while he was overseas. On the rebound, to hide my hurt from family and friends, I married a very good friend of my brother's.

I try to make my husband happy, and I try to appear happy myself, but I don't really love him and I regret the marriage with all my heart. He is a fine young man with a good career and lots of ambition; and I am afraid that sooner or later I will hurt him,—one who doesn't deserve to be hurt. I cry when alone and always feel as if there is a heavy weight on my heart. What is your advice? B. K. D.

Happiness Isn't Found; It's Made

DEAR B. K.: The only happiness worth having, because it is the only happiness that abides and multiplies, is that which we patiently, deliberately and diligently create for ourselves in the here-and-now, working with the conditions and persons right at hand. You are still wanting happiness for nothing,—demanding it "for free," as the saying goes; and, at present, crying havoc because your habitual expectations of getting it on those terms have been suddenly and harshly denied.

There are many things one might say to set your compass straight for the life-journey ahead. Of first importance, perhaps, is a reminder to get honest with yourself, about yourself,—and stop coining excuses to put a pitiful face on your willful mistakes and self-inflicted wounds. To illustrate: By implication, you foist the blame on David for your rebound marriage, saying you grabbed at any old bridegroom to hide the hurt David had dealt you. The truth is,—and you will gain relief, and grow in character stature, by admitting and facing it,—the truth is that your big idea in rushing to the altar was to try to hurt David; and hurt him worse than he had hurt you.

Looking Back Isn't Living

ALSO, your professions of sighing concern lest you inadvertently hurt your husband,—a deserving young man,—really amount to a smoke screen thrown out to conceal, even from yourself, an irresponsible, selfish intent,—already full formed in the depths of your mind,—not to give everything you've got to make this marriage a positively good relationship. Which, incidentally I believe it might well become,—since the lad has much to recommend him,—if you had the mettle, the faith and vision and spirit of adventure to snap out of the backward-looking, tear-shedding "Lot's Wife" role, and harness your energies and imagination to the proposition of fashioning a comradeship beautiful and fine out of the marriage-materials so blindly acquired.

I doubt that you ever truly loved David. I think, rather, you took his devotion comfortably for granted; and complacently starved his interest to death by jogging along on the assumption that you would marry him, some day, maybe, if no more exciting suitor turned up in the meantime. I think you "lost your head" over him, temporarily, when you learned he could love someone else more. That was a devastating shock to your ego, from which you still suffer. And in your dismay at having to pull yourself together and make a life that did not include him as the old perennial backlog, you are tending to grossly overestimate his "past history" importance to you.

Know the Best Is Yet to Be

IT IS my conviction that if you had been genuinely complimentary, if you belonged together as kin spirits do, you would have grown so close in thought and feeling, through long continuous association, that no force on earth could have come between you. I think it is entirely possible you stand to gain far more than you fancy you've lost,—if you will put your hand to the plow of the marriage made, and forge steadily ahead without maudlin regrets to cheerfully make the best of it. M. H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column; not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Post.

Bank Women Give Dinner

Bank Women's Club of Washington held its annual Christmas dinner party last Wednesday night in the Palm Room of the Continental Hotel.

The gay event, attended by about 40 members, was arranged by Miss Mildred Woodcock and her committee: Miss Eleanor Dankmeyer, Miss Rose Royce, Miss Sadye Weir and Mrs. Gertrude Wick. The dinner table was decorated with Christmas greens, candles, favors and cards but interest centered on the blue-lighted Christmas tree around which were stacked gifts for each member.

Highlight of the evening was singing Christmas carols accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Vivian McNitt. Contributions for Christmas charity were voted for two families.

Ration Points

DECEMBER 27, 1944.

MEATS, FATS, ETC. Book 4, red stamps, NOT GOOD A-3 through Z-3 and A-5 through P-5. Red stamps good Q-5, R-5 and S-5. On December 31 these stamps will become good: T-5, U-5, V-5, W-5 and X-5.

PROCESSED FOODS. Book 4, blue stamps, NOT GOOD A-8 through Z-8 and A-6 through W-6. Blue stamps good X-5, Y-5, Z-5 and A-2, B-2. On January 1 these stamps will become good: C-2 through G-2.

SUGAR. Book 4 stamps NOT GOOD, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 40. Stamp good, 34.

SHOES. Book 3 airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3, valid indefinitely.

GASOLINE. A-14 coupons good everywhere for 4 gallons. B-4, C-4, B-5 and C-5 coupons good everywhere for 5 gallons.

FUEL OIL. Old period 4 and 5 coupons good throughout current heating season. New period 1 and 2 coupons also valid now and good through heating year.

Mary Echols Sends Nylons Off to War

Santa Claus was indeed good to Mary Beirne Echols who made her debut at a festive tea dance Christmas Day at the Sulgrave Club. So many flowers were sent both to the home of her parents, Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols, assistant chief of air staff, Army Air Forces, and Mrs. Echols, and to the Sulgrave Club that she couldn't possibly use all of them.

So she bundled them up and sent them to war veterans at Mount Alto Hospital. But that's only the beginning—

A very close friend (and that must be a masterpiece of understatement) gave pretty Mary Beirne a pair of nylons. The deb took a fleeting, admiring look, tied the ribbon back in place, and turned the precious gift over to the War Finance Committee, from whom somebody will get them along with a huge chunk of war bonds.

Mrs. Waters Gives Small Luncheon

Mrs. Spencer Waters was hostess at a small luncheon at the Mayflower Lounge yesterday when Mrs. Conger Pratt, Mrs. Virgil Peterson, Baroness Stackelberg and Mrs. Robert L. Eichelberger were her guests.

Also having lunch at the Mayflower were Mrs. Allan Cunningham and several guests, including Mrs. Claud B. Mickelwait and Mrs. Charles C. Windsor.

Verners Entertain At Cocktail Party

Comdr. Arthur A. Verner, USNR, and Mrs. Verner entertained yesterday at a cocktail party in the crystal room at the Burlington Hotel, where they are living.

Commander Verner, a former professor at George Washington University, is on leave after a tour of overseas duty, and Mrs. Verner has just returned from Panama where she has been living for the past three years. They expect to reopen their house in Georgetown in the near future.

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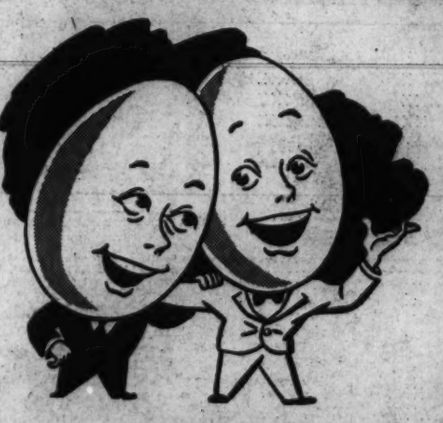

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YOU MEN WILL BE BILLETED IN A BASHA TO YOURSELVES! ARMY EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU...
UP TO A CERTAIN POINT, OF COURSE!

MARY WORTH

I HATE TO GO, RAOUL-- KNOWING HOW MUCH MRS. WORTH DISAPPROVES!
TIENS! OLD PEOPLE ARE JEALOUS TYRANTS, MONICA!
SIMPLY BECAUSE LIFE HAS CEASED TO BE AN ADVENTURE FOR THEM---!
MR. BEALITON! THE CAR FROM THE AIRPORT IS WAITING!
THEN, WE GO AT ONCE!--AU REVOIR, MY INFANTS---
BUT, RAOUL!--I CAN'T GO TILL MRS. WORTH GETS HERE WITH MY LUGGAGE!
TAKING DRESSES TO PARIS IS LIKE CARRYING ORANGES TO CALIFORNIA MA P'TITE!...WHEN WE ARRIVE, WE SHALL BUY OUT THE SALONS! ALLONS! ALLONS! WE DEPART!

MICKEY FINN

I'LL BET YOUR MOTHER WAS PROUD OF YOU IN THAT UNIFORM, MATTHEW! HAVE YOU BEEN ASSIGNED TO A SHIP?
I WON'T BE FOR TEN MONTHS, MR. FINN! YOU SEE, I TOOK THE 'EDDY TEST' AND PASSED IT — SO I'M GOING TO A PRE-RADIO SCHOOL TO LEARN RADAR.
RADAR? GEE, THAT'S SWELL! YOU'LL GRADUATE FROM THAT SCHOOL WITH A PETTY OFFICER RATING!
THAT'S RIGHT, MICKEY — AND I HOPE I'LL BE ASSIGNED TO A SUBMARINE!
WELL, MATTHEW — THE BEST OF LUCK!
THANK YOU, MR. FINN. S'LONG!
WE CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING, MICHAEL!
I-I KNOW!

MYRTLE

I GUESS SANTA CLAUS FORGETS I'M GROWING UP!
I'D BE GLAD TO EXCHANGE IT FOR YOU, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A SWEATER LEFT IN THE STORE!
HAVE YOU TRIED TO EXCHANGE YOUR DAUGHTER FOR A SMALLER CHILD?
THERE'S NO NEED TO MAKE - THIS SO COMPLICATED!

DIXIE DUGAN

IS I TAKE BEETLE'S OFFER I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP MY OWN LITTLE DRESSMAKING BUSINESS
BEETLE'S BARGAIN BASEMENT DESIGNER?? WILL I HAVE TO GO TO THE STORE EACH DAY?? — IF SO — BUSSES — STREET CARS — LUNCHES — CONFERENCES —
MAYBE I CAN DESIGN AT HOME — WHY NOT? CAN I CREATE IN AN OFFICE?? — AFTER ALL I STARTED CREATING AT HOME — I COULD KEEP MY BUSINESS THEN — AND ABOUT THE MONEY?? — OH DEAR — OH DEAR —
OH DEAR
HERE — DRINK THIS WARM MILK — IT'LL MAKE YA SLEEP — FERGIT ABOUT YER NEW CAREER, WILLYA?

DON WINSLOW

WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?
LO! I BRING A PRESENT...A MAGICAL GOLD BULLET FOR YOU, WINSLOW, AND.....
...FOR THE RED-STAINED DOVE A NECKLACE OF MY FINGERS AROUND HER PRETTY, WHITE NECK!
OH-OH! YOU MUST BE.....
KNUCKLES, MY PROUD BEAUTY...THE RED PALM'S SPECIALIST IN PAINLESS, STAINLESS DEATH!

CHIEF WAHOO and STEVE ROPER

DR. SCHWINE! HOW KIND OF YOU TO CALL!
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE LONELY, JOANNE! ACH! I HAVE TRACKED MUD ON YOUR RUG!
IT'LL SWEEP OFF WHEN IT DRIES! COME IN! WE HAVE FOUND A VITAL CLUE TO MY FATHER'S MURDER!!
MURDER?
NONSENSE! NONSENSE! YOUR POOR VATER--MINE DEAREST FRIEND--DIED BY HIS OWN HAND!
TELL DR. SCHWINE ABOUT THE FOOT PRINTS IN THE PHOTO, STEVE! I'M SURE HE'D BE INTERESTED!
JA! VERY MUCH INTERESTED!!!

WINNIE WINKLE

YOU DID PRETTY WELL THIS CHRISTMAS, DIDN'T YOU, FATHER?
YES, BUT THIS WRIST-WATCH TH' BOYS AT TH' FIRE-HOUSE GAVE ME IS TH' BEST PRESENT I GOT!
THE BOYS AT THE FIRE HOUSE MUST THINK A LOT OF YOU, THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL WATCH!!
IT IS HUH??
WELL, IN THAT CASE, I GUESS I'LL KEEP UP TH' PAYMENTS ON IT!!

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

NOW THAT KING'S ARRESTED JACKSON, HOW CAN I KILL PRUE AND STILL FRAME HIM?
I'VE GOT IT! WHERE'S THAT MYSTERY STORY JACKSON WROTE?...AH!
ONE OF HIS CHARACTERS WIRED UP A STOP LIGHT, SO IT WOULD BLOW UP THE VICTIM'S CAR... HERE'S THE DIAGRAM!
I'LL FIX PRUE'S CAR LIKE THIS!
TAIL AND STOP LIGHT SOCKET
GAS TANK
WHEN LOOSELY TWISTED SO CONNECTION WILL SPARK

DONALD DUCK

Today's Radio Programs

Wednesday, December 27 — Washington — Eastern War Time

	WMAL 630	WRC 980	WOL 1260	WINX 1340	WWDC 1450	WTOP 1500
	Prelude, 6:05-7. Town Clock, 7:10-7:45 and 8-9. David Wills, 7:45. News, 6, 7, 8:30.	Bill Herson, 6-9. News, 6, 7, 7:55 and 8:30. World Roundup, 8.	Sign On and Music, 5:30. News, 5:45, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30. Art Brown, 6:35-9.	Jerry Strong, 6-9. News, 6, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30.	News, 6, 6:30, 7:30. Serenade, 6:05. Mike Hunnicutt, 7, 7:35 and 8:05. Crowley, 6:45.	Corn Squeezing Time, 5:45-6:45. News, 6:45, 7:30 & 8. Godfrey, 7:15-9. Mahoney, 7:40.
9	:00 Breakfast Club :15 " " :30 " " :45 " "	Mirth and Madness (Ransom Sherman) News; Banghart Broadway Melodies	News; Art Brown Brown at the Organ Listen, Ladies!	News; Music in the Air Traffic Court	Cash; Mike Hunnicutt Mike Hunnicutt News; Mike Hunnicutt Mike Hunnicutt	News; Godfrey Home Service Daily CBS Air Theater
10	:00 My True Story :15 " " :30 Cliff Edwards :45 Listening Post	Lora Lawton World News Finders Keepers	News Mr. Moneybags Shady Valley Folks	News; Music Hall Music Hall	Cash; Bing Crosby Crosby; Miss. Persons News; Alice Lane Alice Lane	Valiant Lady Light of World Changing World Bachelor's Children
11	:00 Breakfast at Sardi's :15 " " :30 Ruth Crane :45 " "	Road of Life Rosemary Star Playhouse David Harum	News; Billy Repaid Need Advice? Melody Time What's Your Idea?	News; Symphony Sibelius' Symphony No. 5 in E Flat Major	Cash; Alice Lane Alice Lane News; Morning Matinee	Honeymoon Hill Second Husband Bright Horizon Aunt Jenny
12	:00 News, Evans :15 Little Show :30 Glamour Manor :45 "	News; Improvisations Look to This Day Matinee Today	News; Gabriel Heatter Music for Lunch Army Service Forces	WINX News Luncheon Music Weather; Music Luncheon Music	Password Please " " News; With the 400 Lunch With the 400	Kate Smith Speaks Big Sister Helen Trent Our Gal Sunday
1	:00 Baukhage Talking :15 Jack Berch :30 Music Box :45 (Bailey Axton)	Nancy Osgood " " Parents Magazine Morgan Beatty	News, Walter Compton Terry's House Party Luncheon With Lopez Russ Hodges	WINX News Musical Bouquets " "	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Life Can Be Beautiful Ma Perkins News; Bernadine Flynn The Goldbergs
2	:00 (Tommy Johnson) :15 " " :30 Ladies Be Seated :45 (Ed East and Polly)	Guiding Light Today's Children Women in White Church Hymns	News; Cedric Foster Russ Hodges Johnny Neblett Russ Hodges	News; Club Caravan Club Caravan " "	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Joyce Jordan Two on a Clue Young Dr. Malone Perry Mason
3	:00 Morton Downey :15 Shool :30 Accent on Music :45 "	Woman of America Ma Perkins Pepper Young Family Right to Happiness	Compton; Hodges Russ Hodges The Smoothies Russ Hodges	WINX News T for Two " "	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Mary Martin Tena and Tim Janice Gray News for Women
4	:00 "Time" Views News :15 Accent on Music :30 News; Evans :45 Hop Harrigan	Backstage Wife Stella Dallas Lorenzo Jones Young Widow Brown	Walter Compton Russ Hodges Zeb Carver's Orch. Russ Hodges	News; Concert Mod. Concert Moderne Jam for Supper " "	All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman All Sports Parade Tony Wakeman	Service Time " " Texas Rangers
5	:00 Terry & Pirates :15 Dick Tracy :30 Jack Armstrong :45 Captain Midnight	When a Girl Marries Portia Faces Life Just Plain Bill Front Page Farrell	News; Art Brown Brown at the Organ Superman Tom Mix	News; Music Hall Music Hall " "	Band of the Day Sinatra vs. Crosby News; Theater of the Air	Sing Along Club Evelyn Winters News; Stump Us Stump Us
6	:00 News; Optimist :15 Earl Godwin :30 Martin Agronsky :45 Walter Kiernan	News, Leif Eid Musicade Dutch Bergman Lowell Thomas	Compton Frank Young, Piano Johnson Family Russ Hodges	WINX News Dinner Music Hollywood News News for Young Amer.	News; Melody Lane Melody Lane Richard Eaton All Sports Parade	Mahoney, Costello Lyn Murray Show "6:30 Show" News, J. Harsch
7	:00 On Stage Everybody :15 " " " :30 The Lone Ranger :45 " " "	Perry Como News of the World Man at a Grand Herson In Person	Fulton Lewis, Jr. Today in History Quiz of Two Cities " "	WINX News Pop Concert Charles Pergler Dance Time	Romantic Rendezvous Lincoln Hotel Orch. Talking Pictures Bible Question Box	I Love a Mystery Music That Satisfies Easy Aces " "
8	:00 Ted Malone :15 Lum 'n' Abner :30 My Best Girls :45 " "	Mr. and Mrs. North " " " " Carton of Cheer " "	Sizing Up the News Furs on Parade Human Adventure " "	News; Music Book Reviews Harmony Hall " "	Cantor Shapiro " " News; 1450 Club 1450 Club	Jack Carson Show " " Dr. Christian Dr. Christian; News
9	:00 Dunninger :15 " :30 Spotlight Bands :45 (Emil Vandas)	Time to Smile (Eddie Cantor) Mr. District Attorney " " "	News, G. Heatter Real Life Stories The Cisco Kid " " "	News; Symphony Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in C Minor	" " News; 1450 Club 1450 Club	Inner Sanctum " " Which Is Which " "
10	:00 Ray Gram Swing :15 Bob and Ilene :30 Scramby Amby :45 "	Kollege of Musical Knowledge " "	Sumner Welles News; Schubert World's Most Honored Music	News; Dinah Shore Places to Go Organ Reveries Eddie Nesbitt	1450 Club " " News; Great Scott Great Scott	Great Moments In Music Busy Bodies " "
11	:00 News, Evans :15 Hour of Dreams :30 " " " :45 " " "	News, Music Richard Harkness "The Bluebird" (Joyce Van Patten)	News, Billy Repaid Fulton Lewis, Jr. Carl Ravazza's Orch. " " "	News; Musical Roundup Del Rio Club " " "	Great Scott " " News; Hits Hits of the Day	News; Daly & Elliot Arch McDonald's "Moon Dial" Let's Listen

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THE SEA HOUND

SOMETHING WAS DRAGGED ACROSS THE FLOOR, FLETCHA! WE'LL SEE WHAT'S BEYOND THAT DOOR!
PITCH DARK! WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE A LIGHT IN WITH US!
WE HAFF HIM!
LOCK THE DOOR!
JON
11-29

JOE PALOOKA

SHORTY AND GRUMPOPSKI FOLLOWED AS JOE AND JERRY TRIED TO DUCK THEM.
C'MON-IF YA WANT TROUBLE-- YA'LL GIT IT AN' PLENTY AGAIN!!
NOW-JIST A MINUTE, FELLAS- WE DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE.
WE AIN'T LOOKIN' FER TROUBLE- EXACKLY-
NO KIDDIN'
WE JUST FOUND OUT SOMETHIN'. THAT DAME, THELMA'S A PHONEY. SHE DOUBLE-CROSSED SHORTY HERE. SO WE GOT T'FIGURIN'-
MEBBE SHE WASN'T TELLIN' THE TRUTH WHEN SHE SAID YOU WENT ON THE MAKE FER HER- BUT HOW ABOUT THEM CRACKS SHE SAID YOU MADE ABOUT THE NAVY?
I NEVER MADE ANY PASSES AT 'ER- AN' I NEVER MADE ANY CRACKS ABOUT ANY OF THE SERVICES.
YEAH- WHAT ABOUT IT?
AN' WHO D'YA THINK YOU ARE!
THEN I APOLAGIZE FOR THEM CRACKS I MADE AT YA. AN' YA LICKED ME FAIR. I'D SURE LIKE ANOTHER CHANCE SOME TIME.
I WAS LUCKY. YOU'RE A GREAT FIGHTER AN' I'LL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE ANY TIME I CAN.

SUPERMAN

THIS IS LOIS. ARE YOU KEEPING MUM ABOUT MY SECRET?
THE SPHINX HAS NOTHING ON ME! NATURALLY I WON'T TELL A SOUL THAT...
OH, DEAR! I- I'LL NEVER LEARN HOW TO OPERATE THIS FIENDISH CONTRAPTION!
...LOIS LANE HAS JUST INHERITED $3,000,000 FROM HER GRANDUNCLE PHINEAS WITH THE SOLE PROVISION THAT SHE BE MARRIED WITHIN TEN DAYS.
THROUGH THE INEPTNESS OF A SUBSTITUTE SWITCHBOARD GIRL, CLARK'S CONCLUDING WORDS REACH THE EARS OF A REWRITE MAN!
WOW! KENT'S REALLY TURNED UP A FRONT PAGE YARN THIS TIME!!

JANE ARDEN

12-27
BLUE SILK-
THAT WOULD ALMOST HAVE TO BE A HANDKERCHIEF-
THIS IS ADAM BLAIR'S DRESSING ROOM—
I'LL SEARCH IT WHILE THE COMPANY'S OUT ON LOCATION!

NAPOLEON

What does AMERICA *want?*

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IT is the purpose of this editorial, the thirty-first of a series, to state the urgent need for a clear declaration of American policy in world affairs.

Within the past few weeks there has been a wakening conviction in this country that the determination of international arrangements cannot safely be put aside until victory has been won. For we have seen actions taken in Europe seemingly without full consultation and agreement of the Allied powers, which may profoundly affect the design of the post-war world.

A declaration of American policy is needed, and it should be accompanied by a statement of our firm intention to exert full effort to procure its acceptance and furtherance. Emphatically, this does not mean that an American platform should be put forth as an ultimatum, which other nations must accept totally, or reject at the cost of having the United States withdraw from collaborative participation in world agreements and organization. On the contrary, the first plank in such an American platform should be a firm commitment on our part to participate with our associate nations in building a general system of world security and order. By definition, this requires that each participant be willing to accommodate its purely national interests to a program that can be accepted as fairly representing the interests of all. But equally, there is imposed on each participant an obligation to state honestly and openly what it conceives its individual interest to be, as well as its concept of what measures will best serve the general interest.

Americans have displayed a singular diffidence in the matter of formulating a bill of American objectives—singular, in that it contrasts so sharply with our power to exercise as broad a leadership as we are able to define. This reluctance stems partly from the inherent difficulty of arriving at a coherent statement of national aims in a country like the United States—so vast in area, so multiple in its sectional and group interests, and so soundly committed to the free expression of individual thought. But it stems also, in part, from a tradition of national isolation which, however understandable in historic perspective, now stands clearly discredited by two world wars which were not of our making, but from which we were unable to hold aloof.

That the economic wellbeing and political security of the rest of the world is closely bound to the decision and performance of the United States is questioned nowhere but in America. Political boundaries and restrictions cannot build effective fences against the interplay of economic forces, and the sheer weight of American economic influence is of crucial import to all the other nations of this globe. In large measure their decisions will be shaped either in response to the opportunities that our procedures offer them, or in defense of interests that our procedures may jeopardize.

The United States contains only about 6 percent of the world's population. But—our national income, before the war, amounted to almost 25 percent of world income. Our industrial output as a whole approximates 45 percent of world totals. We now are producing a like percentage of the world's munitions. We have 35 percent of the world's railroad mileage; 25 percent of merchant fleet tonnage; 50 percent of the world's telephones; 45 percent of steel production; 40 percent of aluminum production; 33 percent of coal output. We are refining (though part of the production comes from imports) 55 percent of the world's copper, and 70 percent of its petroleum. We now are producing 50 percent of the world's rubber (though post-war resumption of natural rubber production will sharply reduce this balance). Our shares of agricultural production are, of course, much smaller, but just before the war we accounted for 35 percent of world cotton production, 15 percent of wheat, and 10 percent of wool.

Whether we like it or not, we must exercise political responsibilities commensurate with the weight of our economic power in an interdependent world. But before responsibilities can be assumed, they must be defined. Can the United States arrive at a clear agreement and statement of aims for which it is willing to stand sponsor?

The recent campaigns of both political parties have helped to provide an encouraging answer. In general, election mandates are glaringly deficient as indicators of a unified national purpose. A majority of voters declare themselves for the winning candidate. But even among the majority there are varying degrees of enthusiasm for the platform principles espoused by their candidate; and the substantial minorities of the defeated parties may have had no enthusiasm whatsoever for particular planks in the winning platform, or for the platform in its entirety. A sportsmanlike deference to the will of the majority is a feeble substitute for unified national conviction.

But this Presidential campaign was noteworthy for certain basic principles upon which both the platforms and the candidates of the major political parties were united. Surely, upon such areas of agreement there may be said to have been an American mandate; the more so, because upon certain of them, we have evidence that no party or candidate could have declared opposition with any hope of victory. What then were these agreed-upon principles? The following is an attempt at a fair summary:

1. That America, in collaboration with its Allies is committed to seeing the war through to the unconditional surrender of our declared enemies.

2. That America is committed to a responsible role in a world security system after the war, including a commitment to lend the support of our armed forces to repel aggressions that may violate such security.

3. That America is committed to the post-war goal of substantially maintaining in this country an economy that will provide jobs for those who are able and willing to work.

4. That America is committed to the principle of achieving this goal of sustained, high-level employment of manpower and economic resources under a system primarily activated by competitive enterprise.

These are American mandates. They can be made the nucleus of a coherent national policy, for they define aims upon which the great majority of our people are emphatically agreed. But no one can pretend that in this generalized form they serve as more than directional guides for either internal legislation or international negotiation. This skeleton of aims must be clothed with the living flesh of agreed-upon means. Here we have no national mandates of comparable clarity, but it is patently clear that it is our compelling task to achieve them.

On our elected representatives in government rests the primary responsibility for formulating the specific programs required to implement national policies. Under our system of government, those representatives need continuous nourishment in the form of mandates as to what the people want. Particularly during a period when so many urgent problems are being thrashed out upon an international basis, this imposes a grave responsibility upon all sectors of our citizens; for it requires them to think in terms of the welfare of our nation as a whole, to focus upon those points which offer possibilities for substantial agreement among Americans, rather than upon matters of individual, group, or sectional advantage.

In earlier editorials I have tried to define a basis for national policy in keeping with that broad purpose. They have dealt with problems that are basic to the healthy functioning of free enterprise under the competitive system, with the mobilization of our resources for war and for reconversion to peace-time production, with labor and management responsibilities and relations, with national debt and taxation, with foreign trade and our economic relationships abroad, with the industrial development of backward areas. Since they have been presented in the McGraw-Hill publications, which reach a group broadly representative of all American industry, they have centered upon problems that have an economic rather than a strictly political import.

Future editorials, to appear during 1945, will deal with comparable subjects selected in recognition of the urgent importance for arriving at concerted definitions of national policy. I am fully aware that no individual or group can speak authoritatively for the American Nation. But I hope that an honest attempt to formulate sound concepts of national interest in crucial economic matters will help to crystalize American policy both by focusing agreement and by eliciting dissent.

Here there is space only to indicate in broadest outline what I conceive to be desirable foundations for an economic policy for the United States:

1. The attainment of a high and sustained level of business activity and employment in the United States and in the world.

2. Active and expanding markets for world trade based upon fair competition rather than upon bloc agreements, discriminatory preferences, and cartel arrangements.

3. The encouragement of industrial development in nations that have been backward in that respect.

4. A recognition that hospitality to imports, rather than constituting a threat to national standards of living, offers in fact the most potent instrument for international bargaining that any nation can command.

5. A willingness to assume a responsible national role in international arrangements designed to provide such financial stability as may be needed to support mutually advantageous world exchange of goods and services.

We must see to it that the end of military warfare does not merely open the door to an era of economic warfare.

The fact is that America has no choice but to assume leadership in world affairs. For the weight of our influence will be felt by other nations no less whether our attitude be positive or negative. And the cost to us of any international obligation which we might undertake must in all fairness be weighed against the equally real cost to us of dealing with measures that others may take to protect themselves against the results of our non-participation.

We have tended in the past to approach international commitments timidly, fearful that we might be outwitted in a world battle of wits. And in so doing, we have too often ceded to others the initiative of suggestion, leaving to ourselves the thankless task of accepting or rejecting what they demand of us.

Our one bargaining weakness stems from the fact that other nations, by contrast feeble in potential power, know what they want and are able to mobilize all their strength to achieve it.

America can be the most effective nation on earth—if only it knows what it wants.

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